Tokyo,
13th
Ward

HOTEL
Bean
UH... SO HE'S GONE...
...THERE WAS CASH FROM HIS WALLET AND SOME JEWELRY. AND...
I DON'T KNOW... BUT THEY SAID THERE'S A BODY IN THERE...
WHAT...? IS IT A MURDER?

In this world...
...people live with a singular fear.
...HIS INTESTINES, HUH.

DO WE HAVE A MATCH ON THE KAGUNE?
IT MATCHED THE ONE USED IN THE SERIAL PREDATION CASE ON MAMENOKI STREET.
THAT DAMN LANTERN ...
HE'S GOT ONE HELLUVA APPETITE.

Aberrant beings that...
... appear human, yet consume them.
WE NEED TO GET THIS GUY...
THE COMMISSION OF COUNTER GHOUL'S REPUTATION'S ON THE LINE.

People
call
them...

...Ghouls.

Tokyo Ghoul

[JACK]

Story and Art by Sui Ishida

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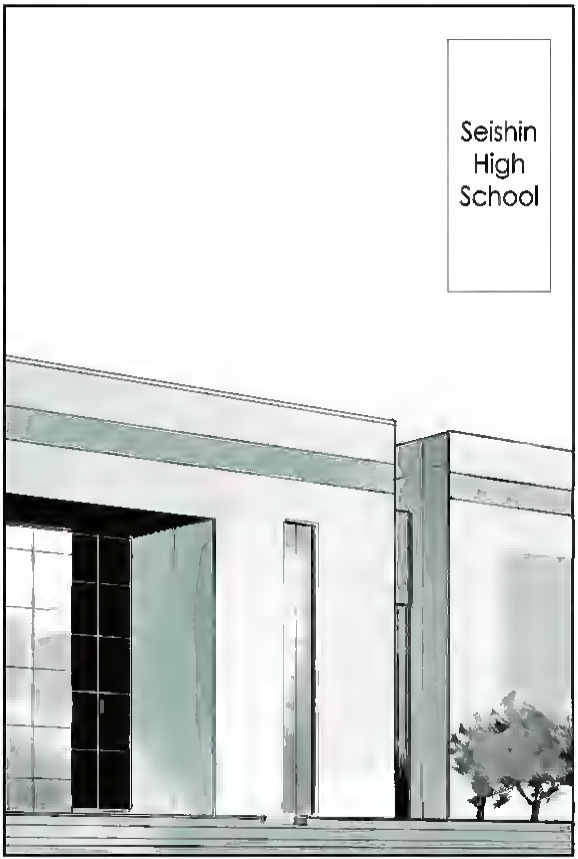
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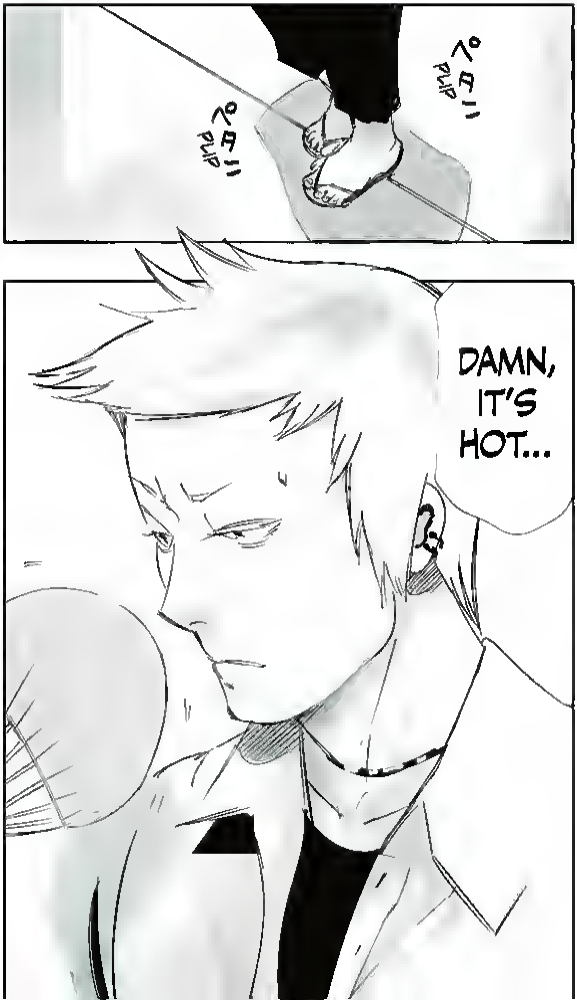


2nd Year Class D Student

Taishi Fura

DUDE... THEY NEED TO CRANK UP THE A.C.
WHOA... IT'S FURA...
HE IS SO LATE...
YO.
ガラ
SHOOP

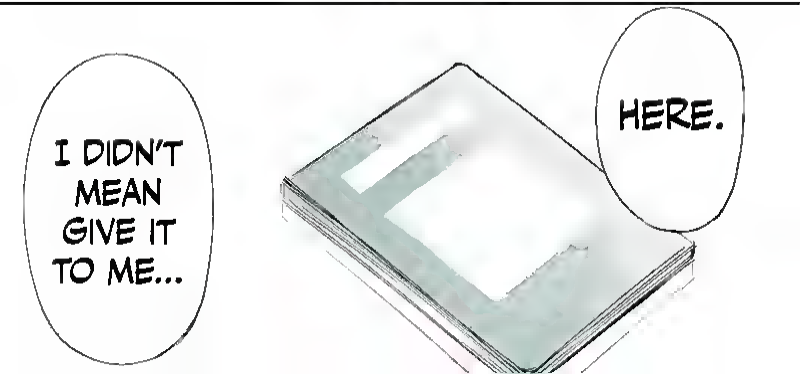
OW!
IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT TO SAY?!
2nd Year Class D
Homeroom Teacher
Ogata
FURA ...
DO YOU KNOW WHAT PERIOD THIS IS?
AND WHERE ARE YOUR BOOKS?
YOU THINK SCHOOL'S A JOKE?

I DON'T WANNA HEAR THAT CRAP! JUST SIT DOWN!
I WOULDN'T BE HERE IF I DID.
DON'T TREAT US LIKE A PAIR JUST CUZ WE GREW UP TOGETHER ...
IS AKI SASADA ABSENT AGAIN?
I DON'T KNOW. SHE'S PROBABLY DITCHIN'.

...
2-D

WITH N AS THE MIDPOINT OF SEGMENT CE...
FURA.
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PAY ATTENTION, I'LL KICK YOU OUT.
YEAH, YEAH.
THEN SHARE A TEXT-BOOK WITH SOME-ONE!
FINE...
UH... HEY...

IT'S ARIMA, RIGHT? CAN I SEE YOUR TEXT-BOOK?
Kisho Arima


I DIDN'T MEAN GIVE IT TO ME...
HERE.

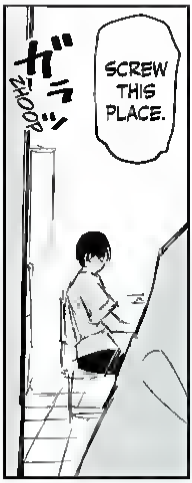
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I HAVE ALL THE FORMULAS MEMORIZED.
MATH IS ABOUT CHOOSING AND COMBINING THE APPROPRIATE FORMULAS FOR THE PROBLEM.
THE REST IS JUST CALCULATIONS.
HE TRANSFERRED HERE AT THE START OF THE YEAR... RIGHT?
HE'S KINDA... IRRITATING ...
I DON'T NEED IT.
?
WHY NOT ?

YOU'RE NOT HERE THAT MUCH...
...AND YOU DON'T SEEM THAT SMART.
I THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE A TEXTBOOK WITH YOU.
GTNK

WHAT'D YOU SAY, JERKOFF ?!
IGAK
YOU TRYIN' TO PISS ME OFF?!

I DIDN'T MEAN TO...
FURA !!
OUT.
YOU'RE A DISRUPTION TO THE OTHER STUDENTS.
TCH ...

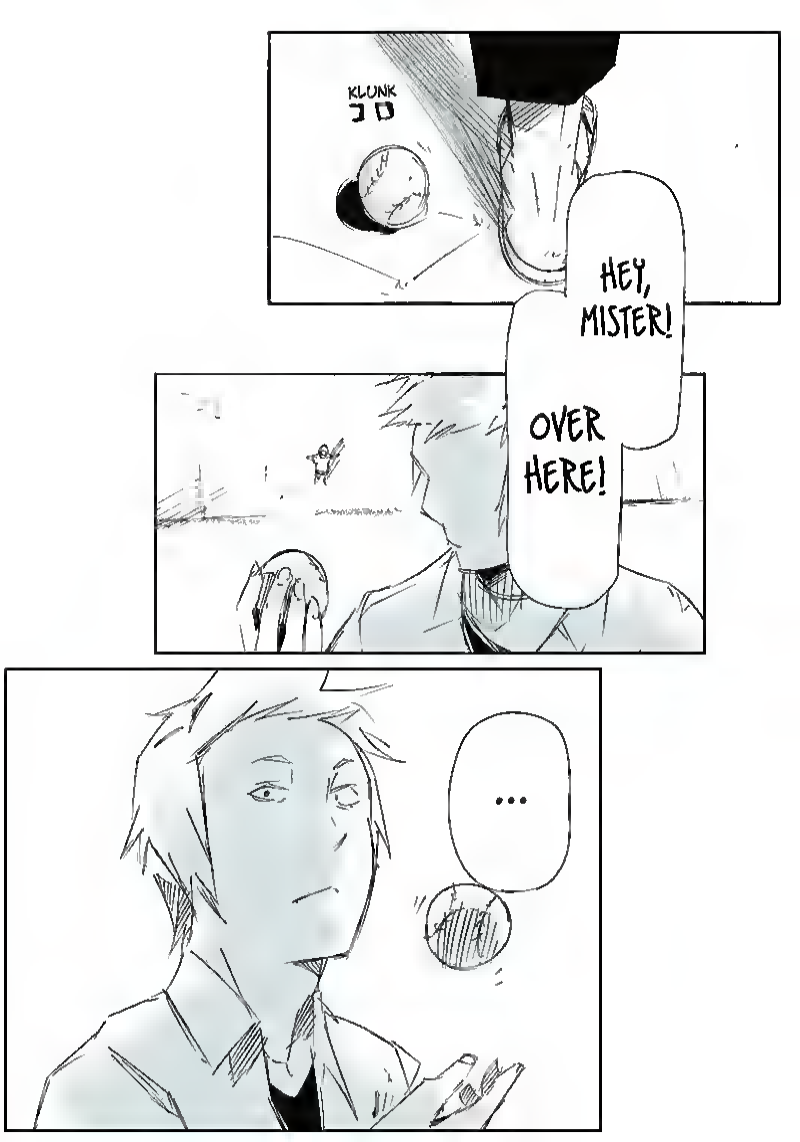
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME. I'M OUTTA HERE.


SCREW THIS PLACE.
ガラッ
ZHOOP

I KNOW
I DON'T
FIT IN...

THIS IS THE FIFTH INCIDENT IN THE SERIAL PREDATION CASE INVOLVING ...

...THE LANTERN IN THE 13TH WARD.


KLUNK
HEY, MISTER!
OVER HERE!
...

IF WE'D KEPT PLAYING BALL...

HERE YOU GO.

...LIKE HE SAID WE SHOULD ...

I WONDER IF THINGS WOULD'VE BEEN A LITTLE DIFFERENT...

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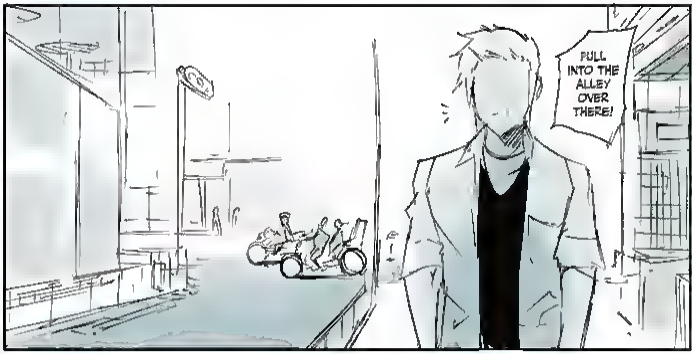
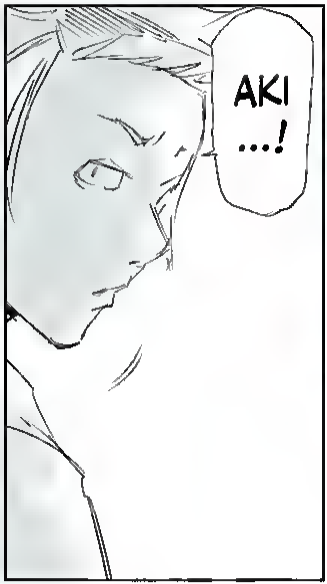
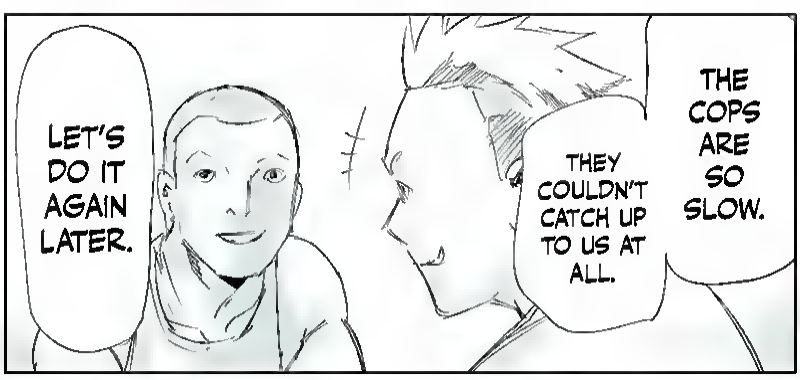
YOU ON THE BIKE! PULL OVER!
YEAH, RIGHT! DUMB-ASS!
AKI! BE CARE-FUL!


PULL INTO THE ALLEY OVER THERE!

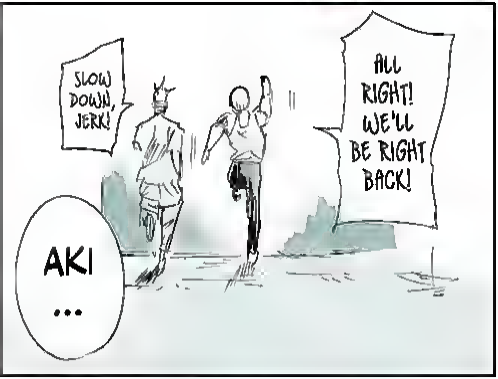

AKI ...!

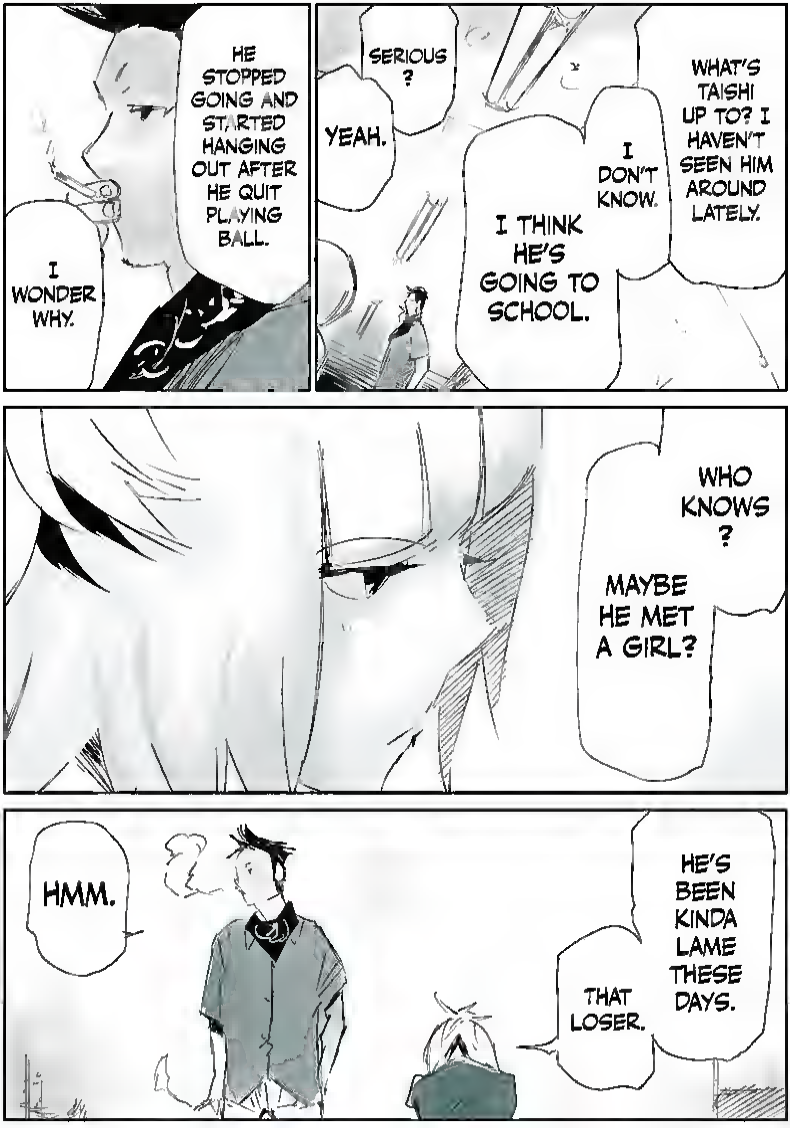
TCH...
I BETTER SAY SOME-THING...
ZSH
LOOK AT 'EM DRIVIN' ALL CRAZY...
An accident waiting to happen...
THAT IDIOT... SHE'S HANGIN' OUT WITH RYO AGAIN...
DON'T THEY ANYTHING BETTER TO DO...?
A BIKER GANG?
...

THAT WAS AWE-SOME!

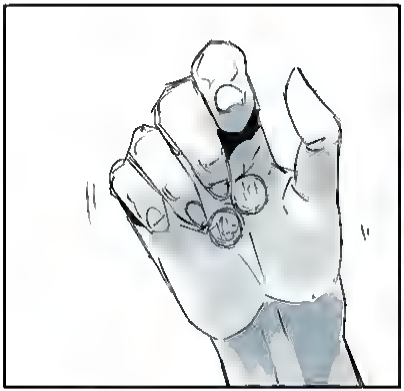

THE COPS ARE SO SLOW.
THEY COULDN'T CATCH UP TO US AT ALL.
LET'S DO IT AGAIN LATER.

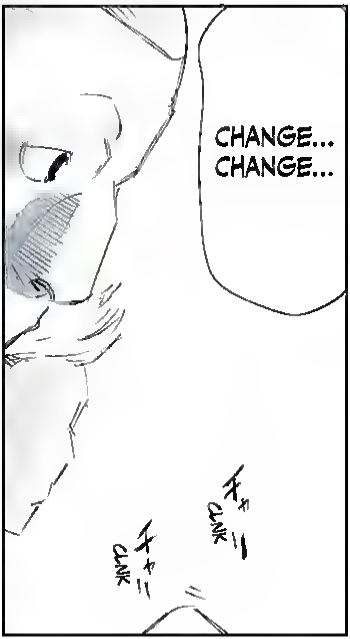
I'M GONNA GO GET SOME-THING TO DRINK.
RYO, AKI. YOU GUYS WANT ANY-THING?
SODA.

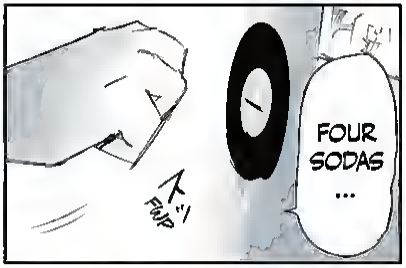

ALL RIGHT! WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
SLOW DOWN, JERK!
AKI ...


WHAT'S TAISHI UP TO? I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM AROUND LATELY.
I DON'T KNOW.
I THINK HE'S GOING TO SCHOOL.
SERIOUS?
YEAH.
HE STOPPED GOING AND STARTED HANGING OUT AFTER HE QUIT PLAYING BALL.
I WONDER WHY.
WHO KNOWS?
MAYBE HE MET A GIRL?
HE'S BEEN KINDA LAME THESE DAYS.
THAT LOSER.
HMM.

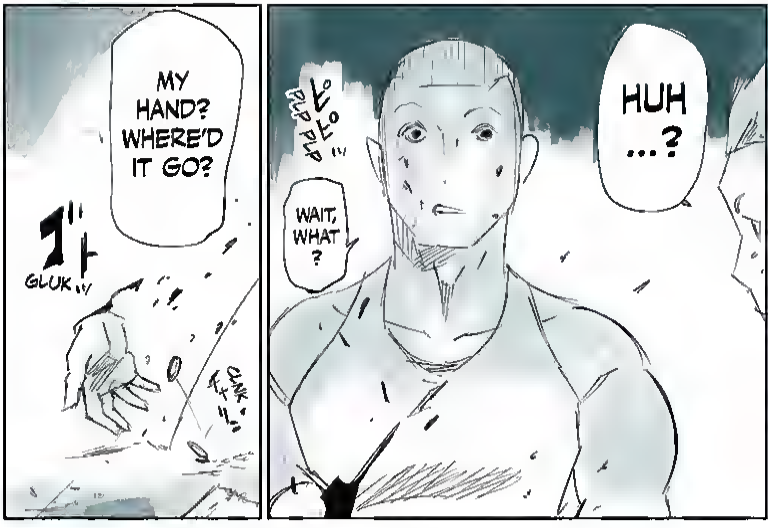
IT USED TO ALWAYS BE THE THREE OF US...
YEAH ...

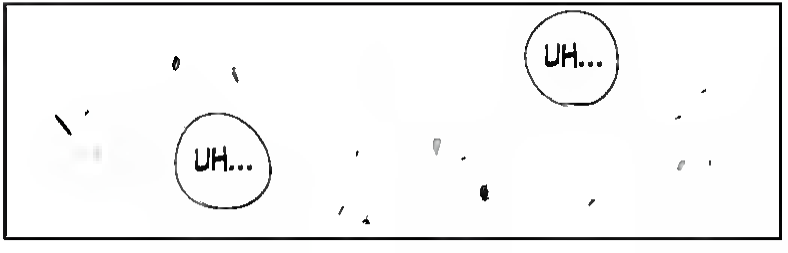


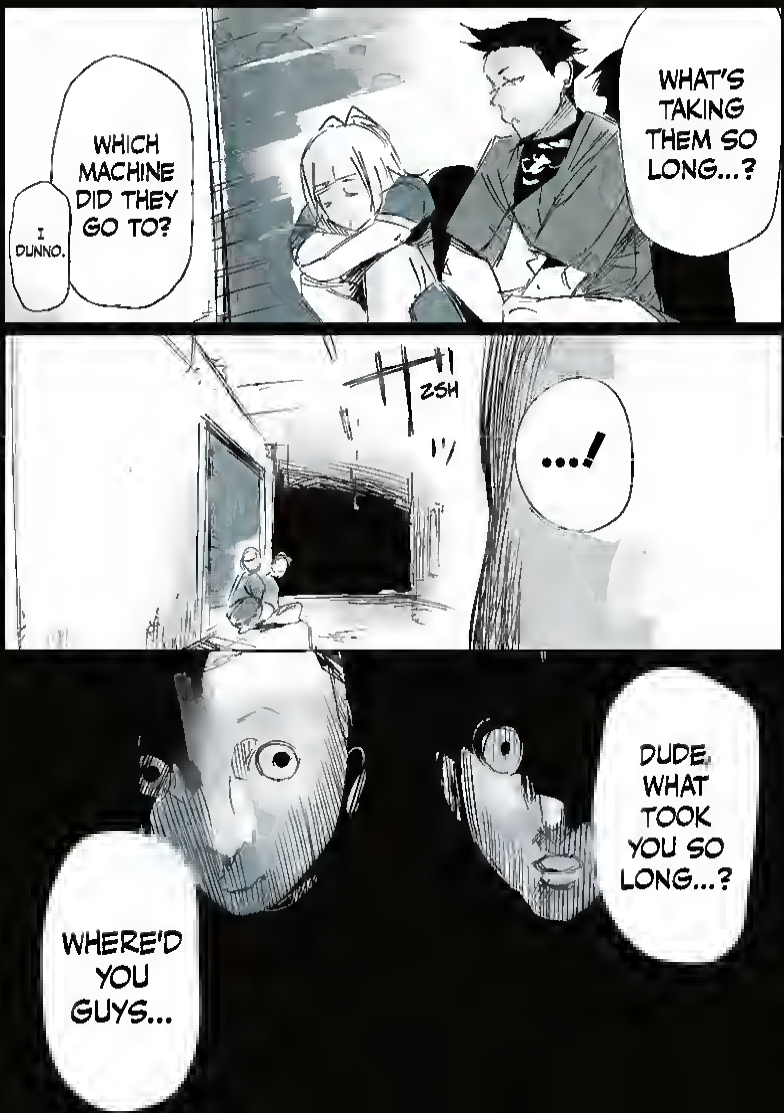

CHANGE...
CHANGE...
チャリ
CLINK
チャリ
CLINK


FOUR
SODAS
...
スッ
PUP

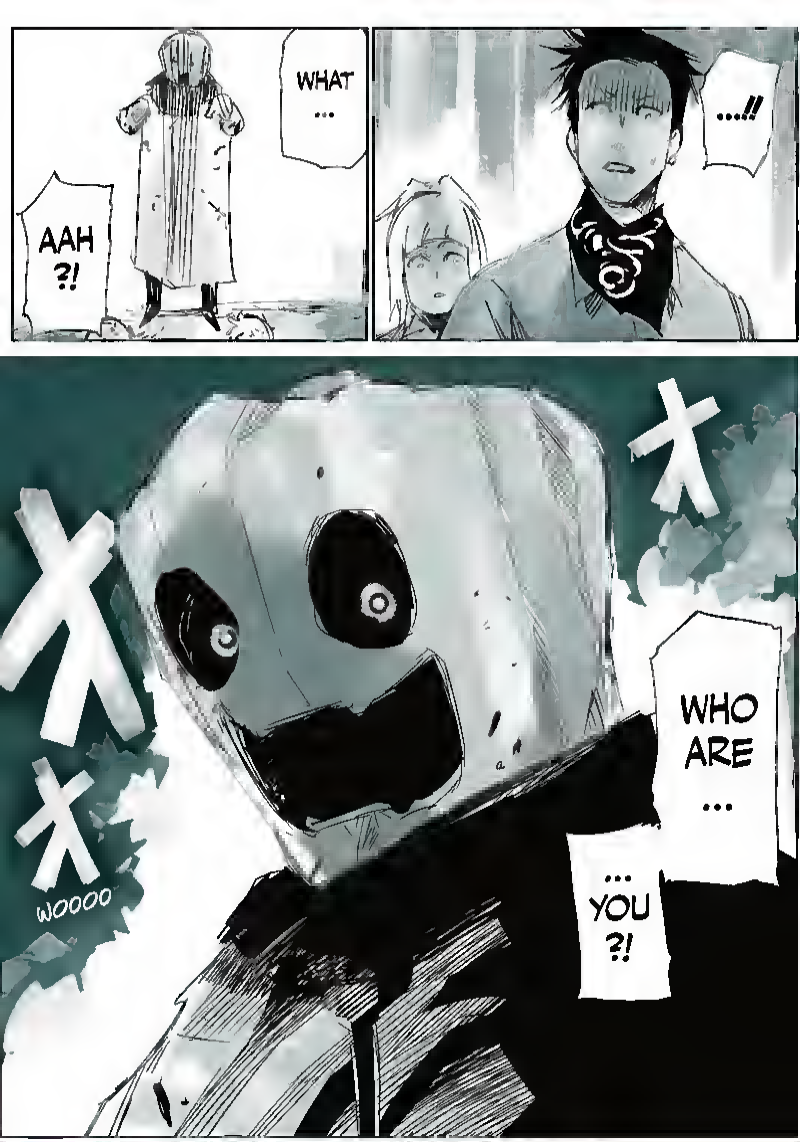
PMM

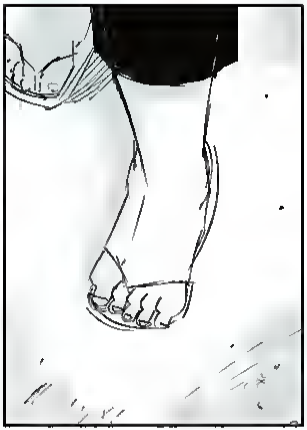

MY HAND? WHERE'D IT GO?
GLUK
HUH ...?
WAIT, WHAT?
PLP PLP PLP


UH...
UH...


WHAT'S TAKING THEM SO LONG...?
WHICH MACHINE DID THEY GO TO?
I DUNNO.
ZSH
...!
DUDE, WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG...?
WHERE'D YOU GUYS...

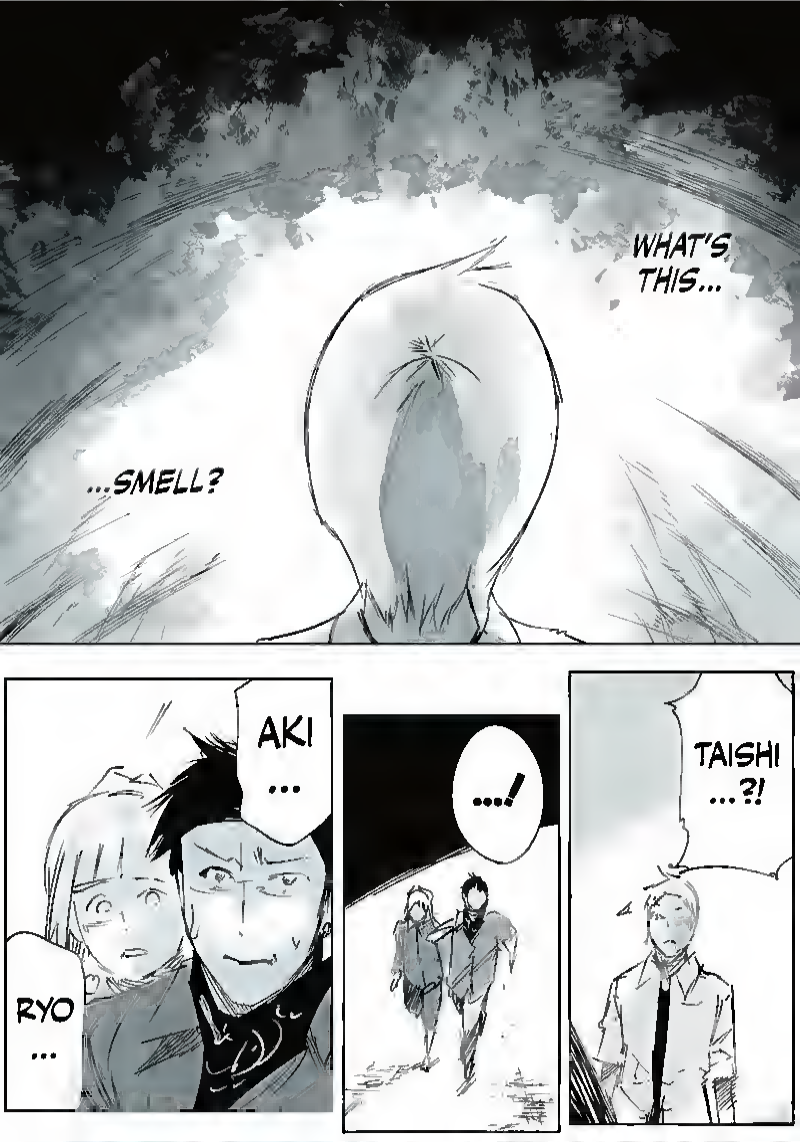
GLUNK

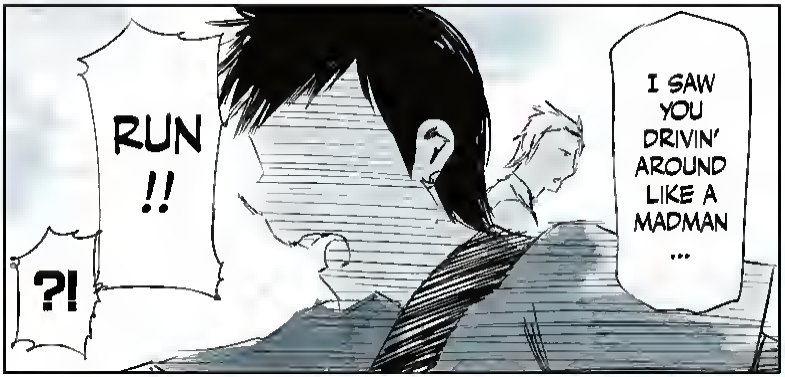

WHAT ...
AAH ?!
...!!
WHO ARE ...
... YOU ?!
WOOOO



THEY'RE PROBABLY KICKIN' IT AROUND HERE AGAIN...

...?

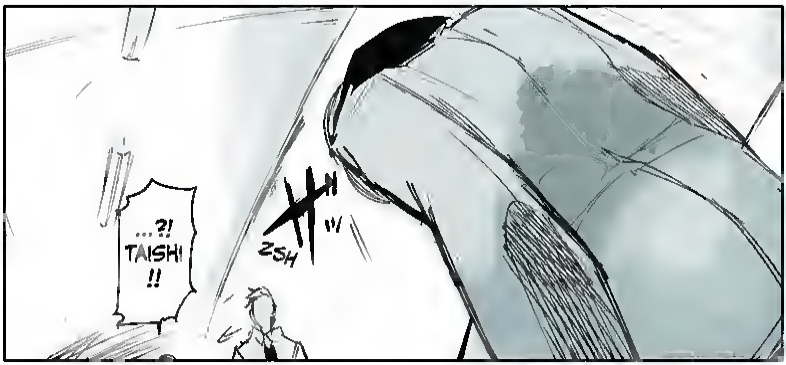

WHAT'S THIS...
...SMELL?
AKI ...
RYO ...
...!
TAISHI ...?!


I SAW YOU DRIVIN' AROUND LIKE A MADMAN ...
RUN !!
?!

HUH?! THE COPS STILL AFTER YOU GUYS...?!

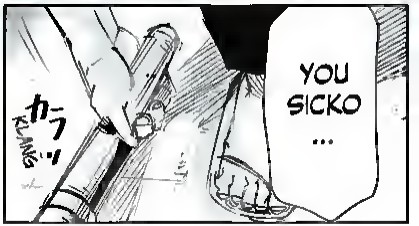
NO !!

VWSH
!
SOME-
THING
WORSE
!!
TOUCH
!!


...?! TAISHI !!
ZSH

YOU BETTER LAY OFF MY FRIENDS !!

WHO... ARE YOU ?
WHAT'S WITH THAT MASK ...?


YOU SICKO ...
カーン
KLANG

DWF

THUD

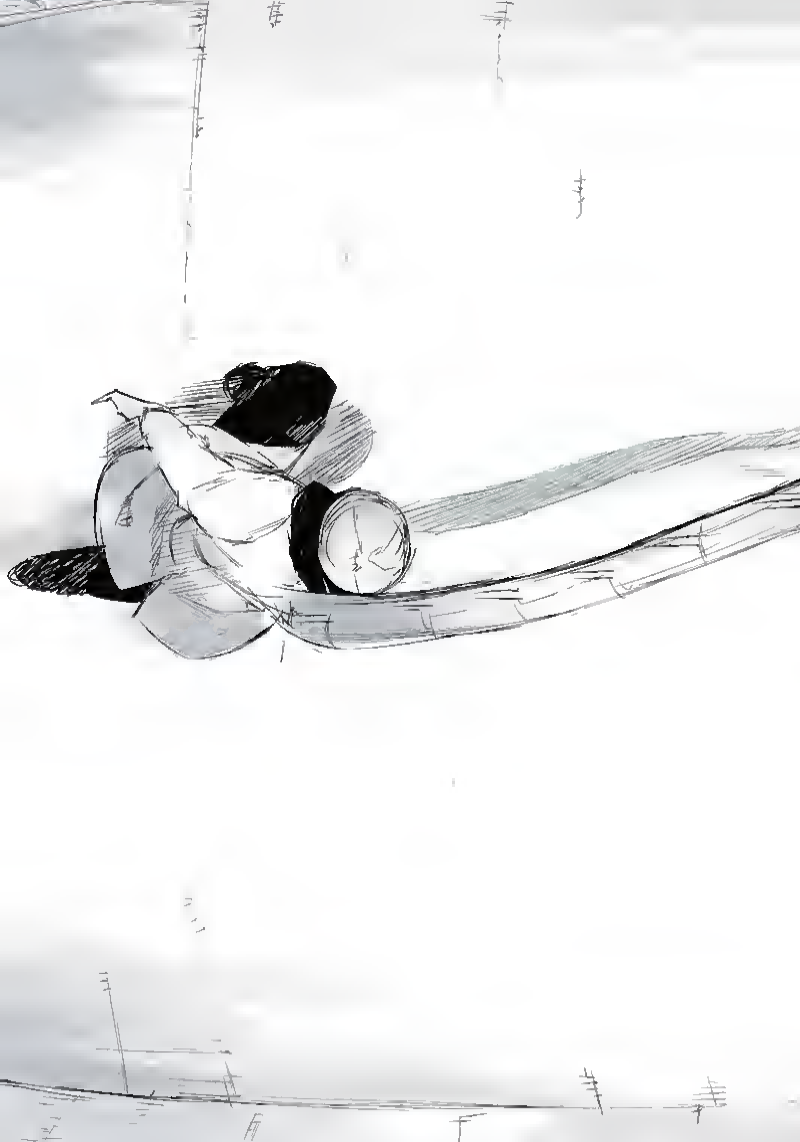
YOU LIKE THAT, PUMPKIN-MAN?!
GASP ...
IMMA FINISH YOU OFF.
NO, TAISHI... DON'T ...!
YOU GUYS GO...!

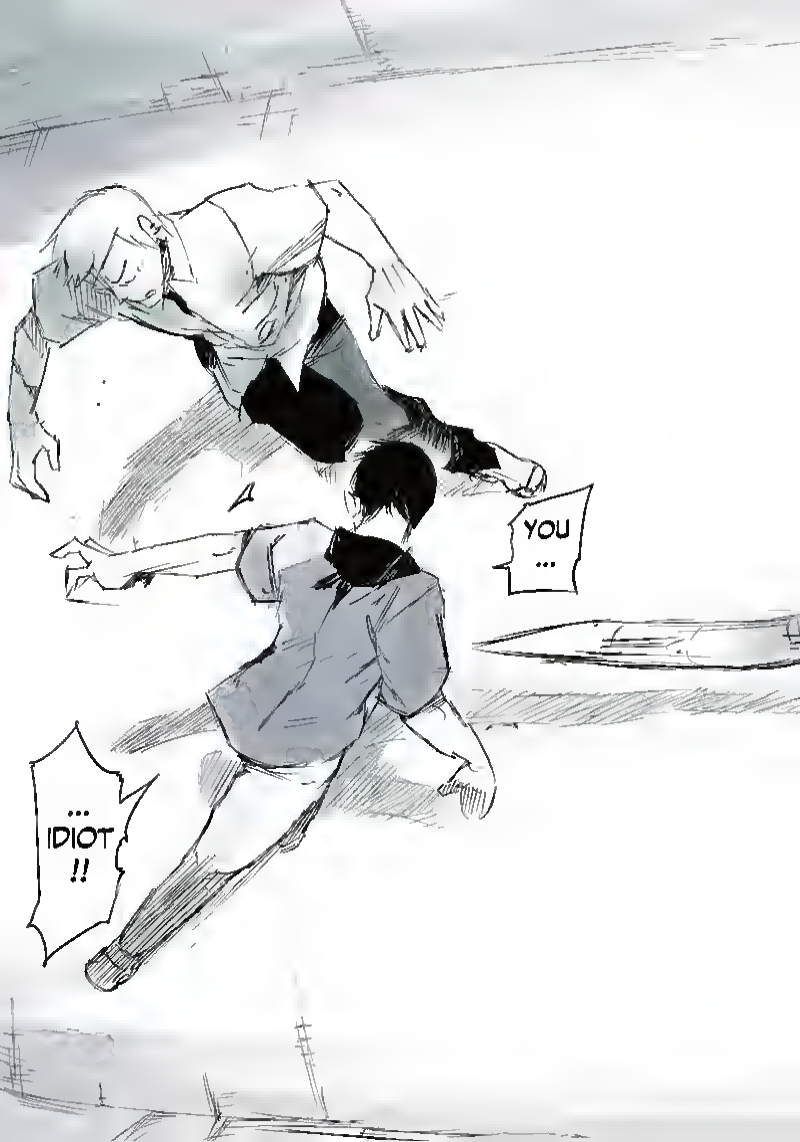
RSTL
ZWB
RRP

H...
W-WHAT THE HELL IS THAT...?
WOOSH
HE'S A MONSTER ...!!
AAA !!
...!
PINK
AGH ...!!

...!!
AKI
!!

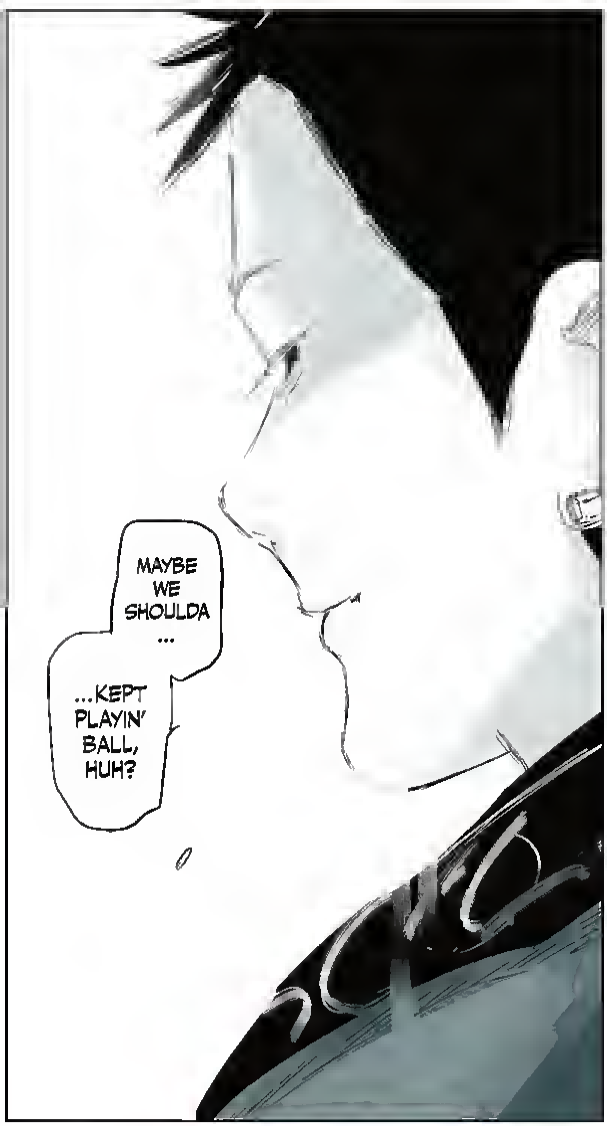
I'M
DEAD...




YOU
...
...
IDIOT
!!

TAISHI
!!

...!!


MAYBE WE SHOULDA ...
...KEPT PLAYIN' BALL, HUH?

R-
RYO
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TAISHI
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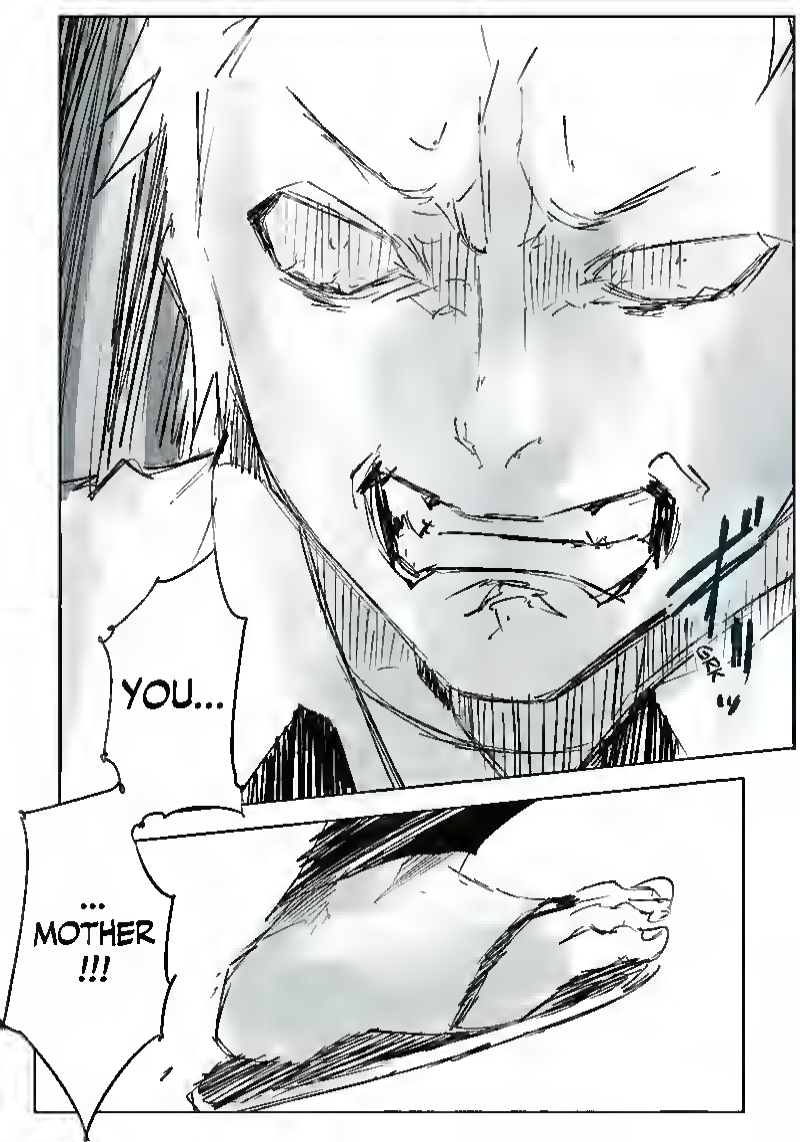
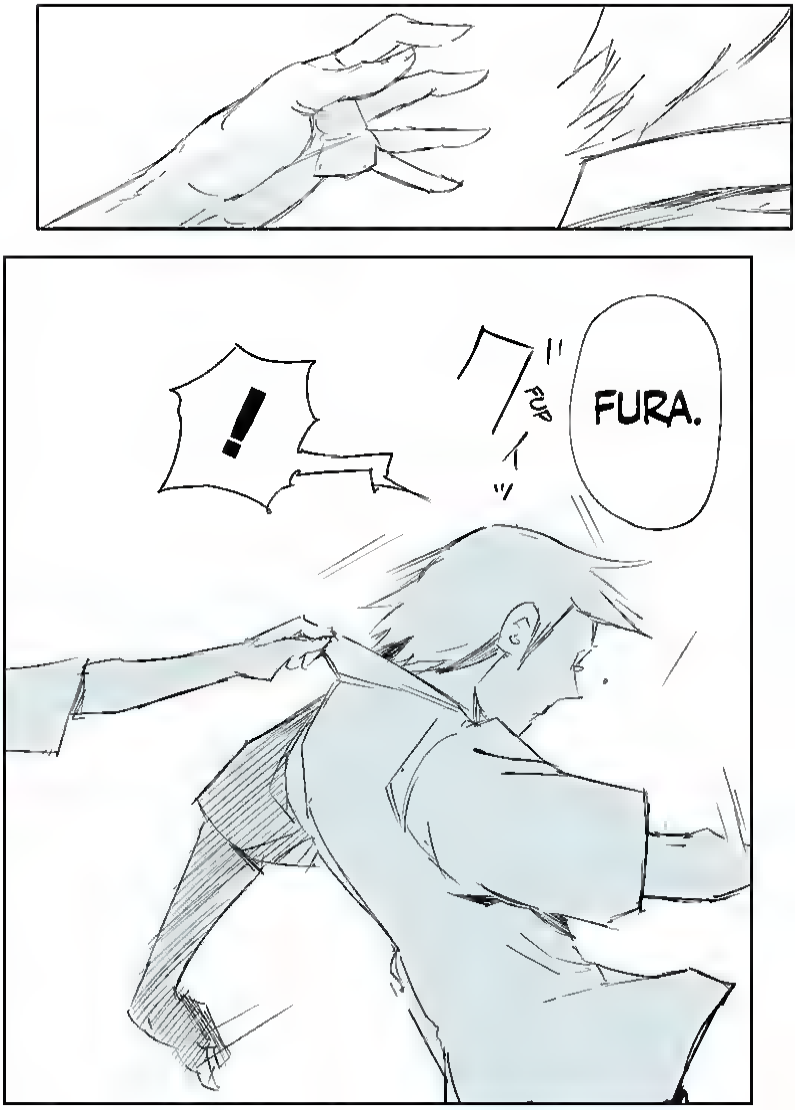
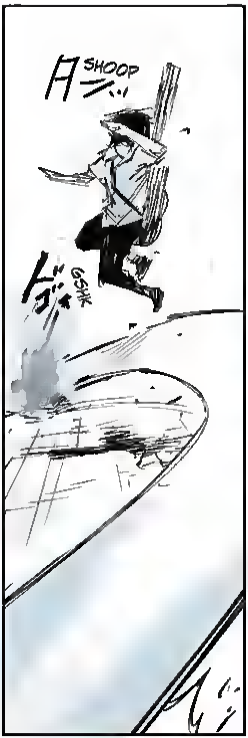
PLRP


YOU...
...
MOTHER
!!!
GRK


FURA.
FUR
!

?!?!
...
YOU'LL DIE.

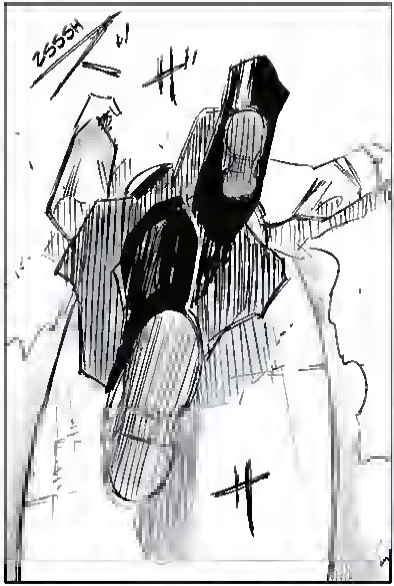
ARIMA ...?!
STEP BACK.
!
GAKAKAKAK


SHOOP
GSHK

FWP

WHP

TUP
ZWAK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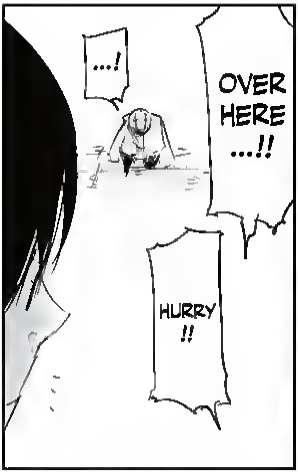
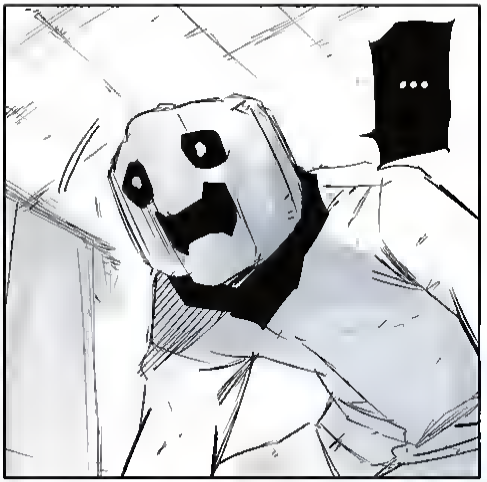

...!
OVER HERE ...!!
HURRY !!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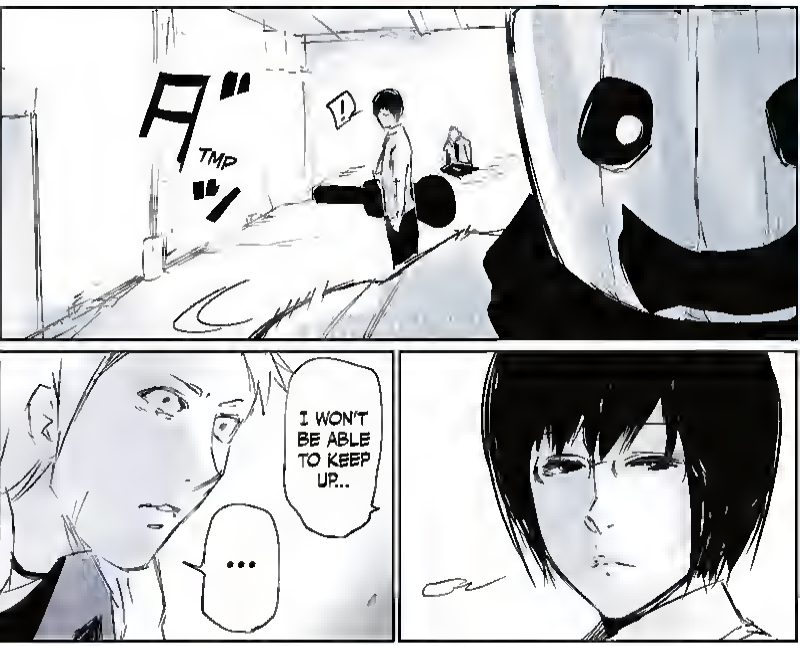
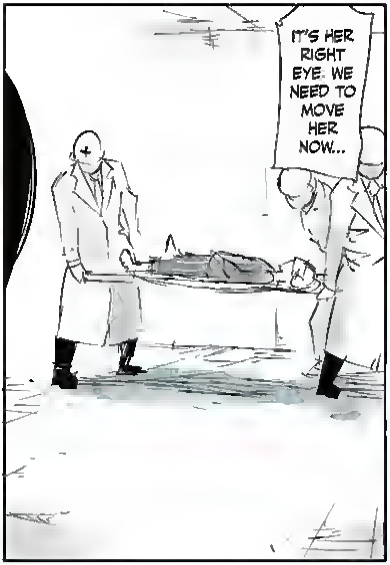
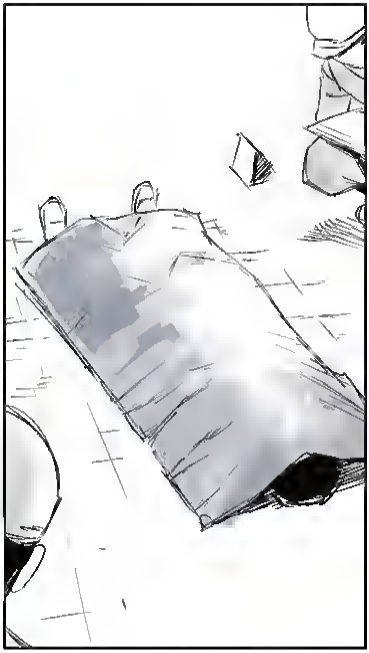
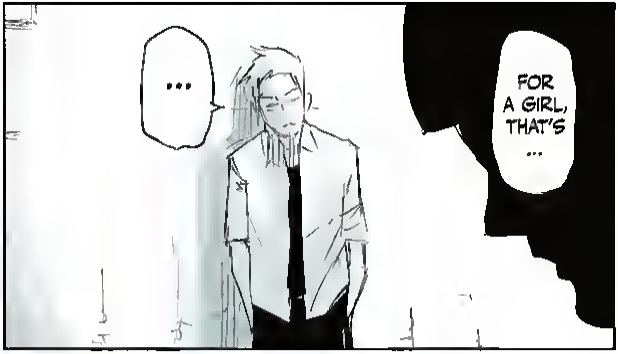

TMP
!
I WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP UP...
...


IT'S HER RIGHT EYE. WE NEED TO MOVE HER NOW...



YOU.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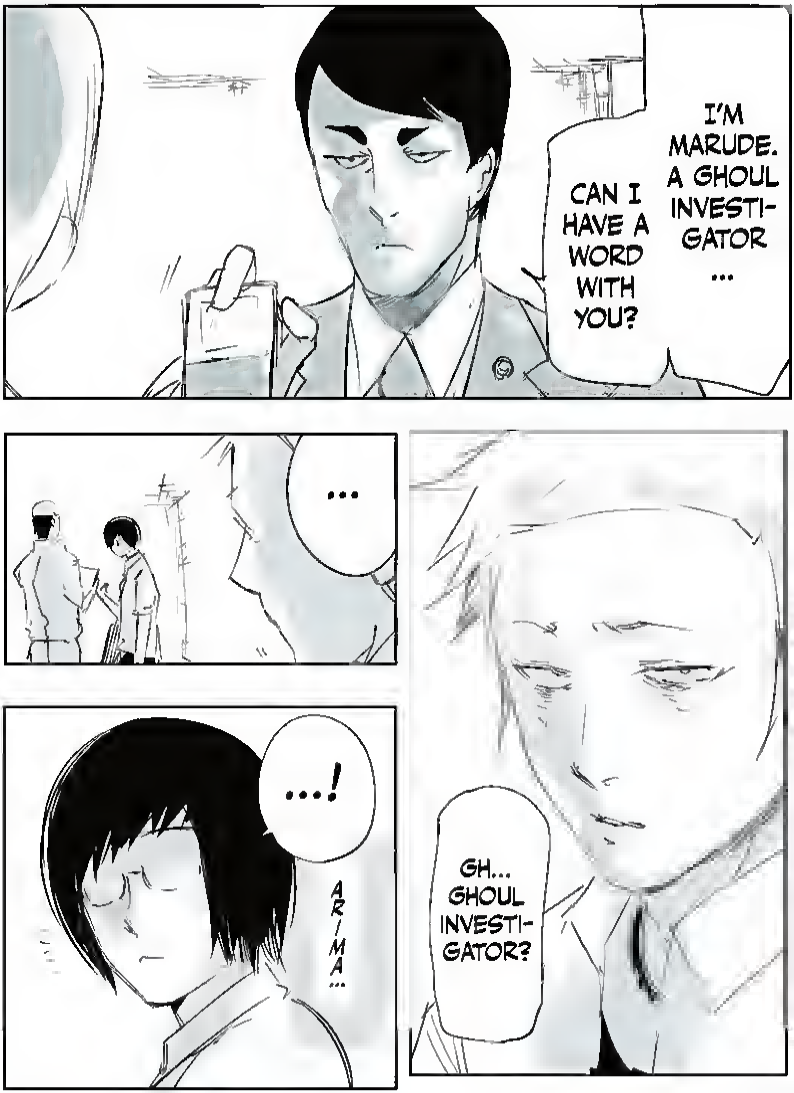
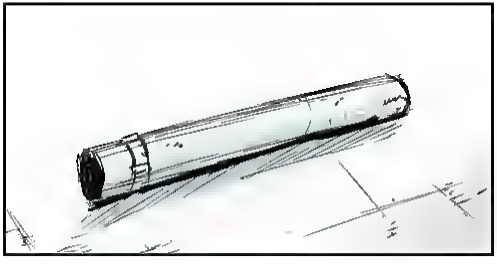
FOR A GIRL, THAT'S ...


I'M MARUDE. A GHOUL INVESTI-GATOR ...
CAN I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU?
...
GH... GHOUL INVESTI-GATOR?
...!
ARIMA...

SEE YOU LATER, FURA.
HE SAW THE WHOLE THING, BUT...
SEE YOU AT SCHOOL TOMORROW.
...GOING HOME AFTER PRACTICE OR SOME-THING.
...HE LEFT LIKE IT WAS NOTHING. LIKE HE WAS...

THAT DAY, I WAS QUESTIONED LATE INTO THE NIGHT...

...BY THAT MARUDE GUY.



MY HEAD WAS STILL SPINNING WHEN I GOT HOME.

WHY WAS ARIMA THERE? HOW WAS HE ABLE TO FIGHT THAT MONSTER?

AT THE SAME TIME, I WOULD SEE AKI'S AND RYO'S FACES...

I NEEDED TO TALK TO ARIMA THE NEXT DAY... OR ELSE...

I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA LOSE MY MIND...

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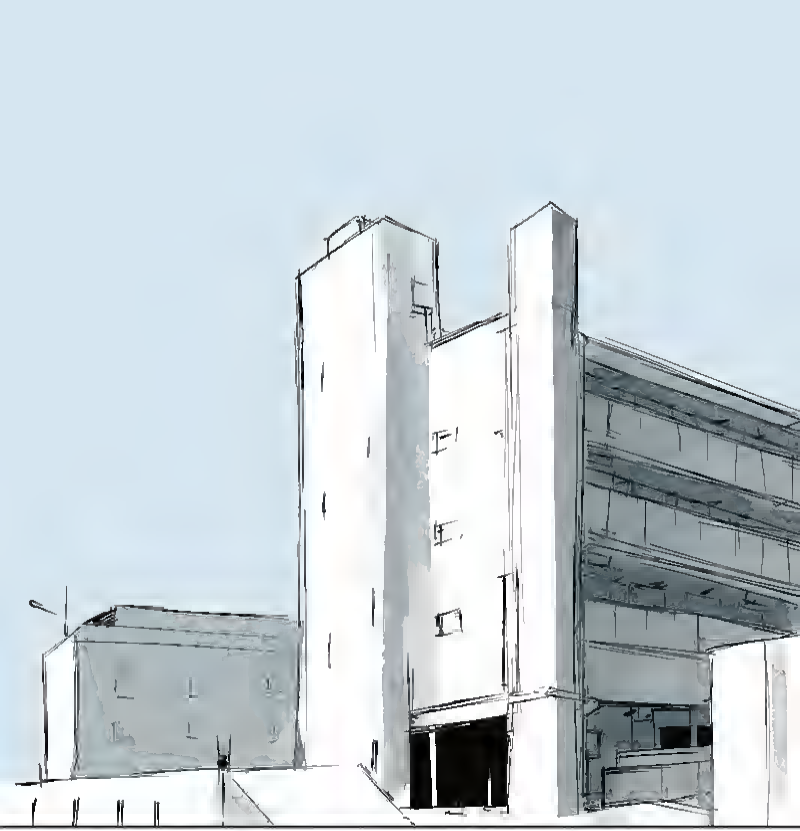

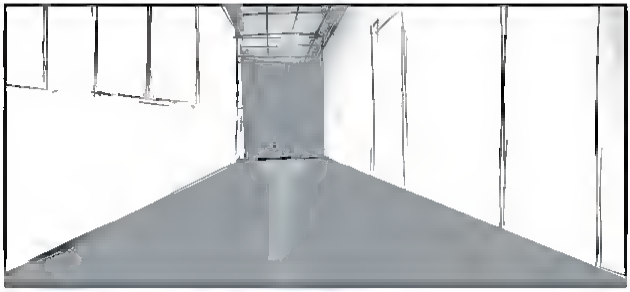

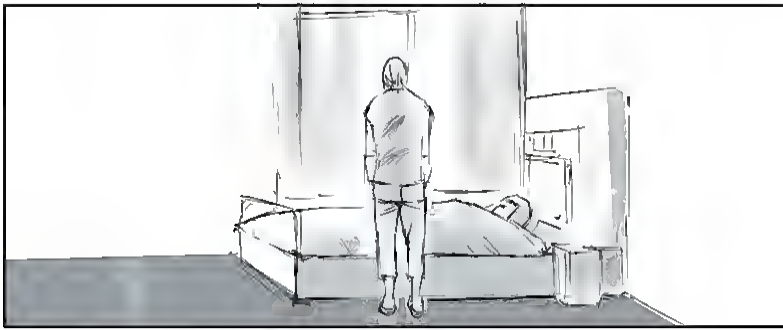

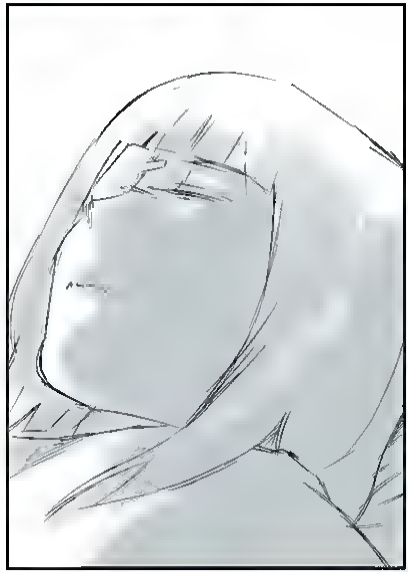

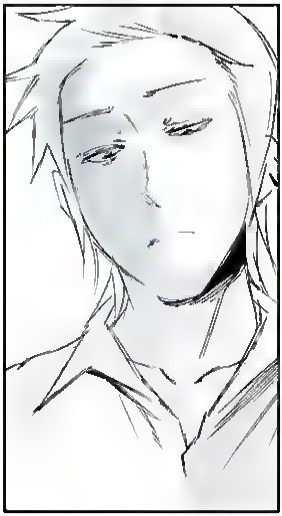

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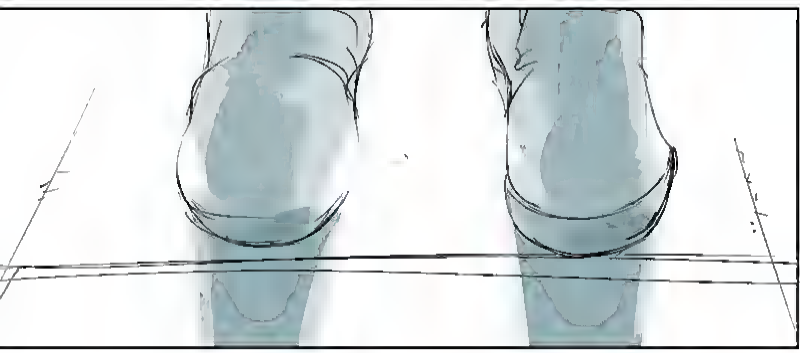
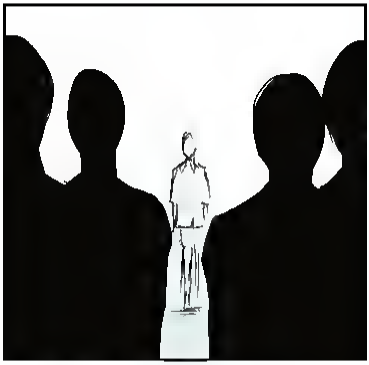
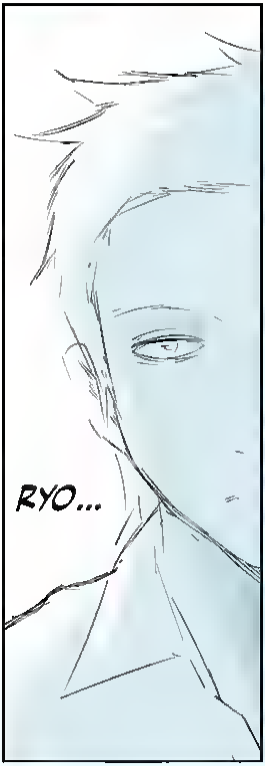




...I THOUGHT IT'D BE IN A BIKE ACCIDENT ...

IF YOU WERE GONNA DIE...



I CAN'T DEAL...

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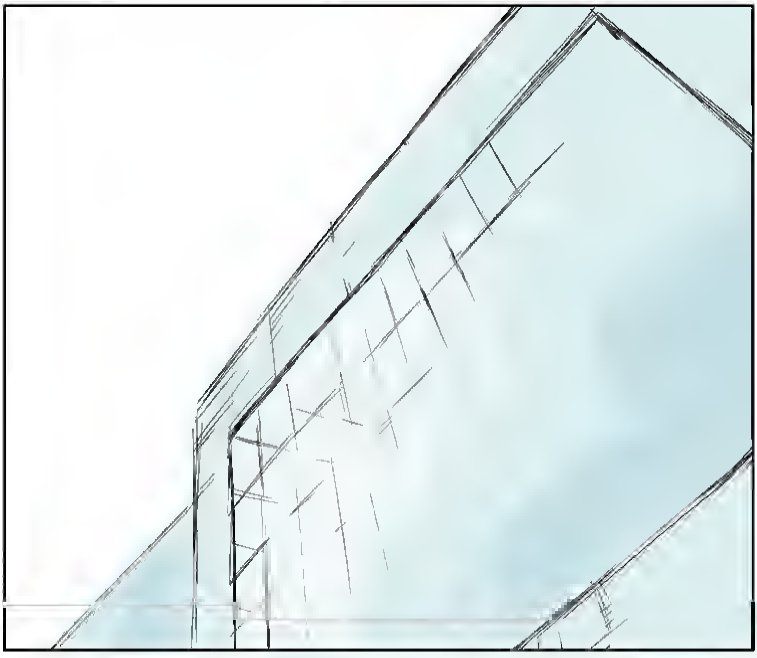
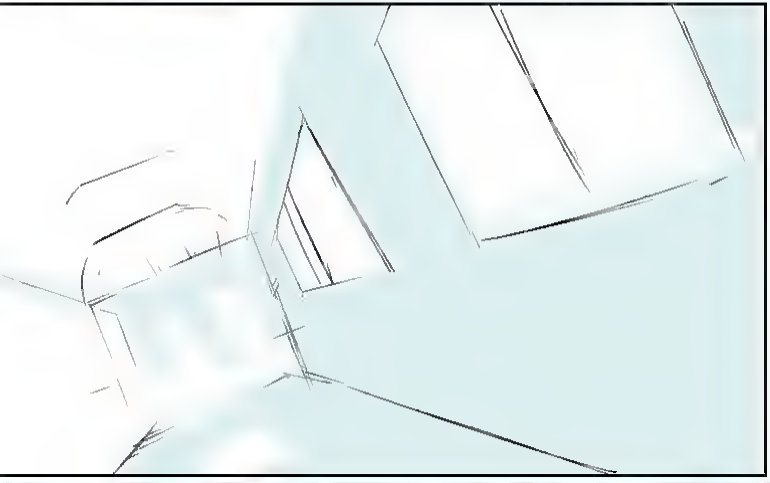
...WITH THIS.





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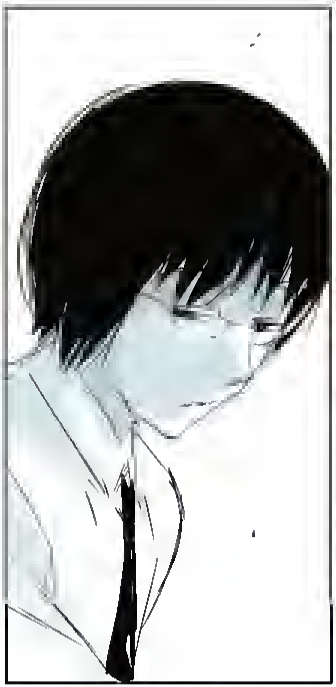

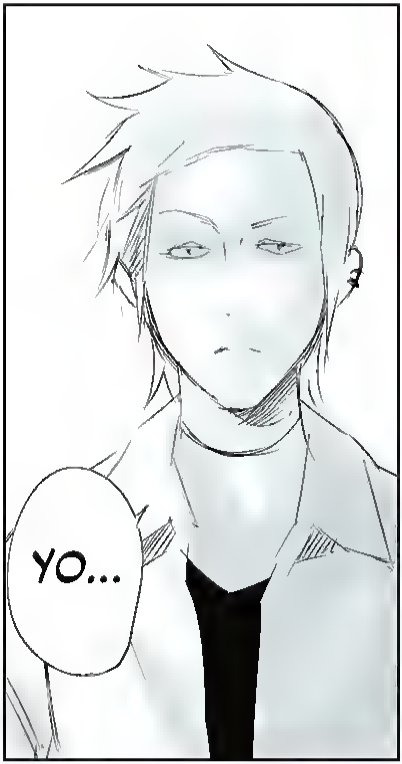
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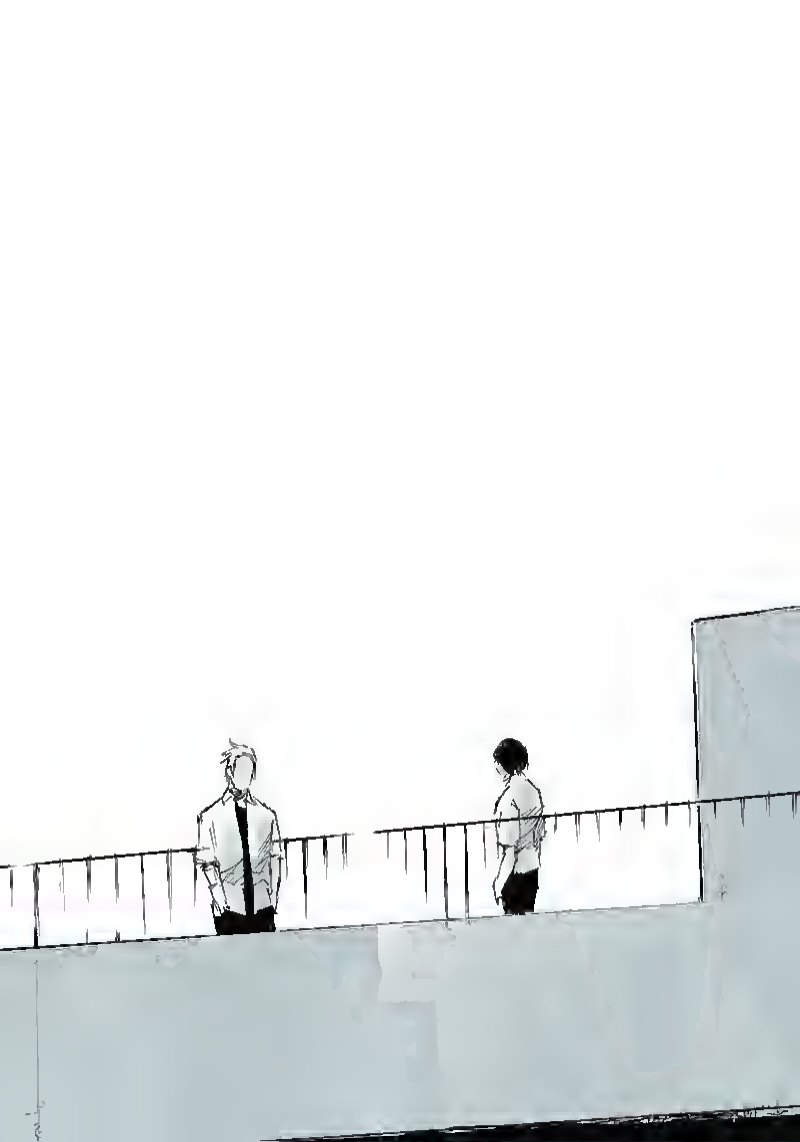
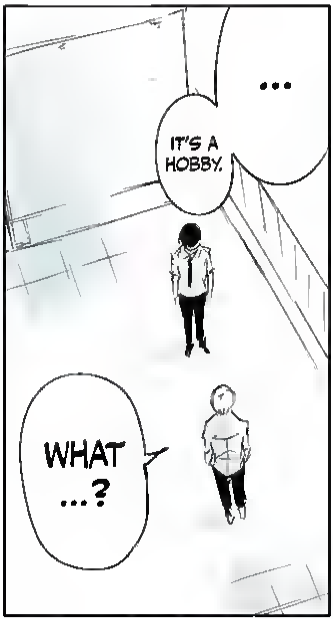


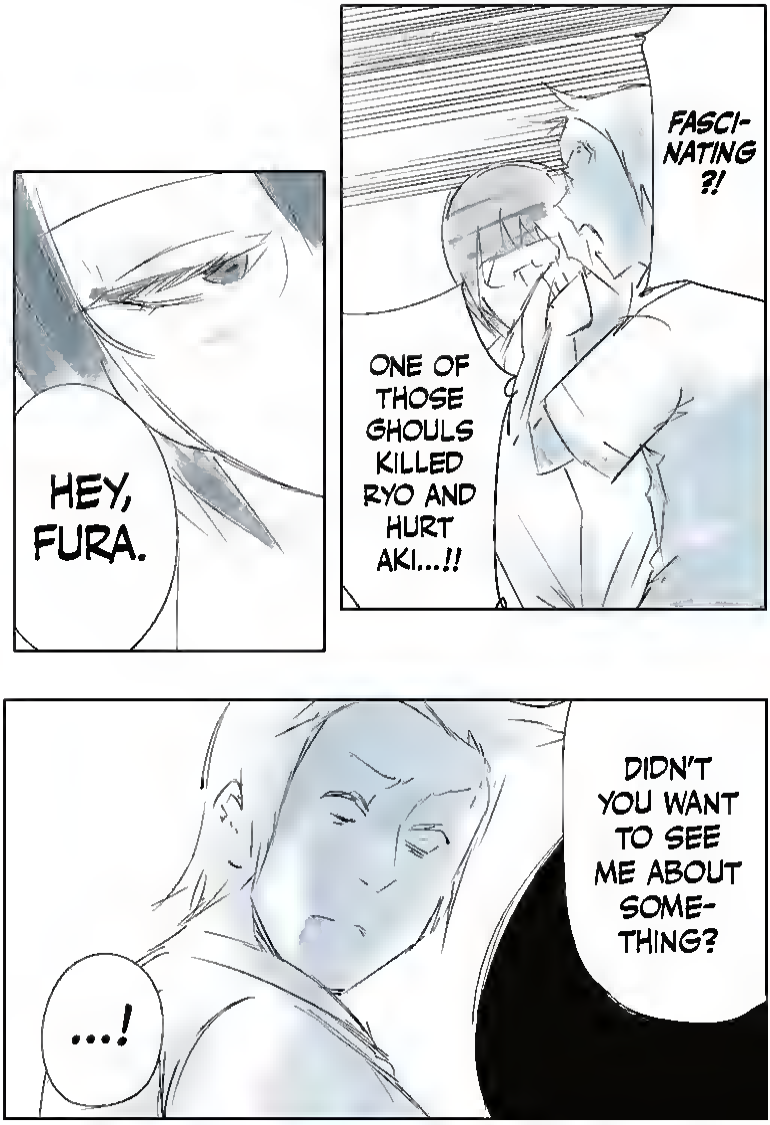
IS SHE ALL RIGHT?
AKI SASADA'S YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND, RIGHT?
WHAT D'YOU...
...KNOW ABOUT THAT MONSTER?
...
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT GHOULS?

THEY'RE ABER-RATIONS HIDDEN AMONG US...
...THAT CONSUME PEOPLE.
MANY OF THEM ARE VICIOUS AND KILL PEOPLE TO SATISFY THEIR HUNGER.
THEY ARE THE NATURAL ENEMY OF HUMANITY ...
PREDA-TORS.
THAT'S WHAT GHOULS ARE.

GHOULS
...
YOU'RE CHASIN' 'EM AROUND, AREN'T YOU? WHY?!


...
IT'S A HOBBY.
WHAT ...?

THEY LOOK EXACTLY LIKE PEOPLE.
AND THEY'RE EQUALLY INTELLI-GENT.
YET THEY'RE NOT HUMAN.
DON'T YOU FIND THAT FASCI-NATING ?
FASCI-NATING ...?
TWITCH


FASCI-
NATING
?!
ONE OF
THOSE
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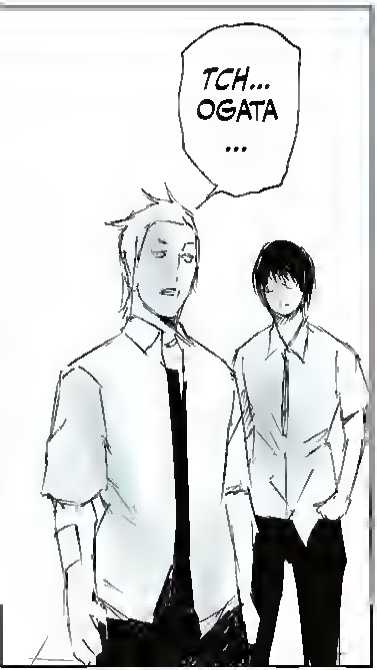
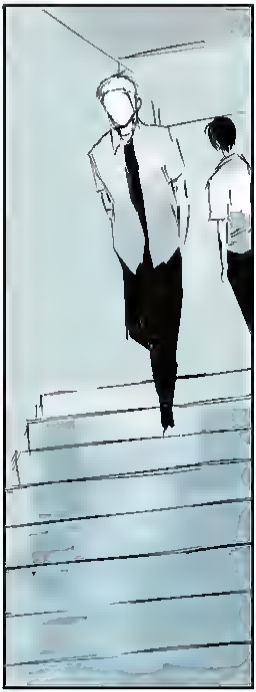
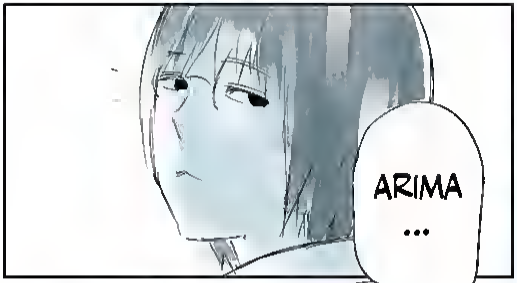
KILLED
RYO AND
HURT
AKI...!!
HEY,
FURA.
DIDN'T
YOU WANT
TO SEE
ME ABOUT
SOME-
THING?
...!

...!
FURA!!
ARIMA!


TCH...
OGATA
...

WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING UP HERE?! GET BACK INSIDE!

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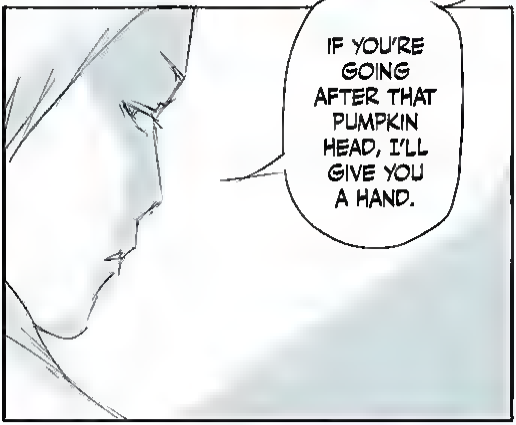
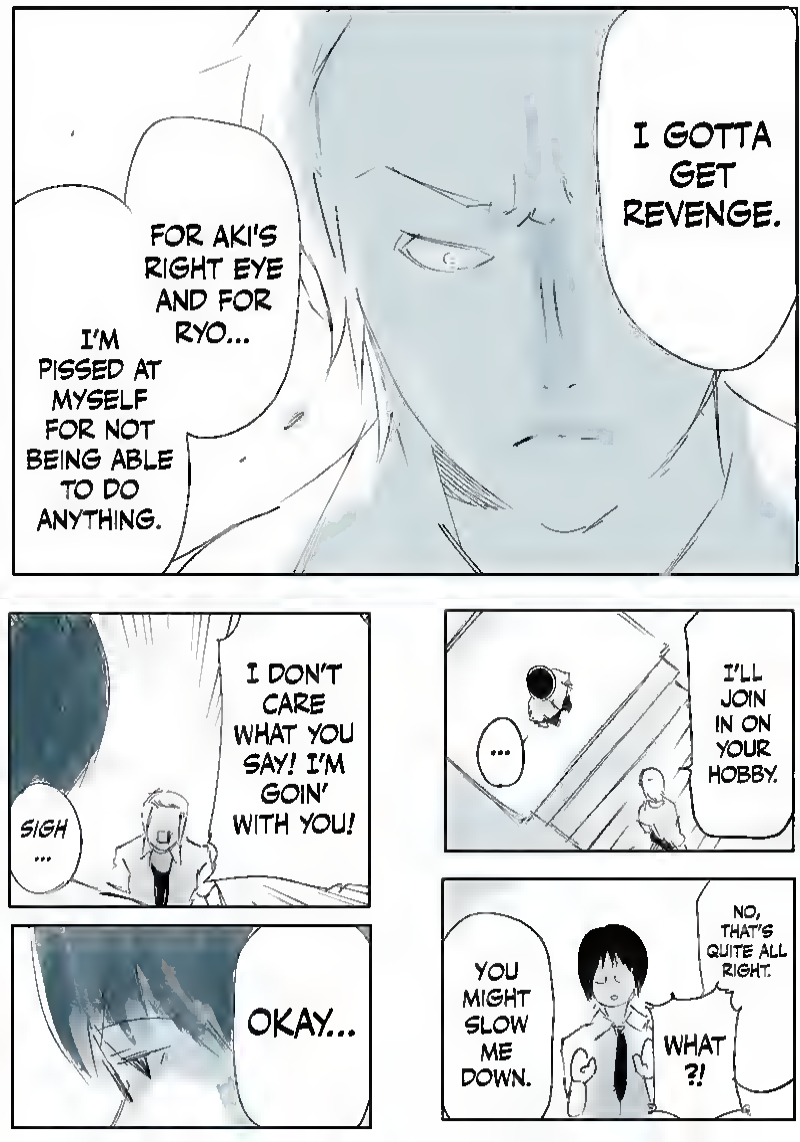
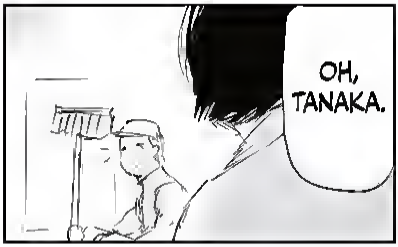
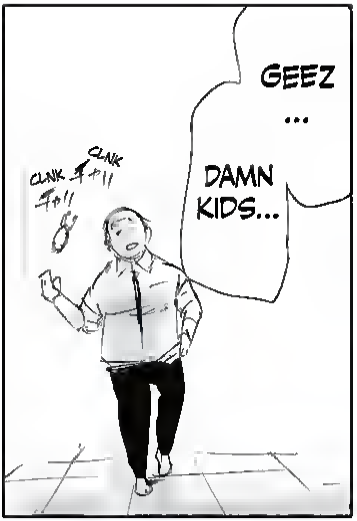
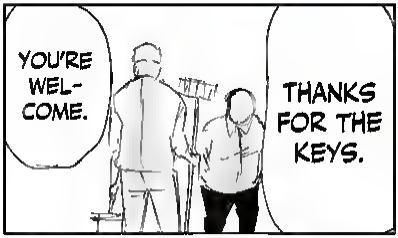

IF YOU'RE GOING AFTER THAT PUMPKIN HEAD, I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND.


I GOTTA GET REVENGE.
FOR AKI'S RIGHT EYE AND FOR RYO...
I'M PISSED AT MYSELF FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO DO ANYTHING.
I'LL JOIN IN ON YOUR HOBBY.
...
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY! I'M GOIN' WITH YOU!
SIGH ...
NO, THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT.
WHAT ?!
YOU MIGHT SLOW ME DOWN.
OKAY...


OH, TANAKA.


GEEZ ...
DAMN KIDS...
CLANK
CLANK
CLANK


THANKS FOR THE KEYS.
YOU'RE WEL-COME.

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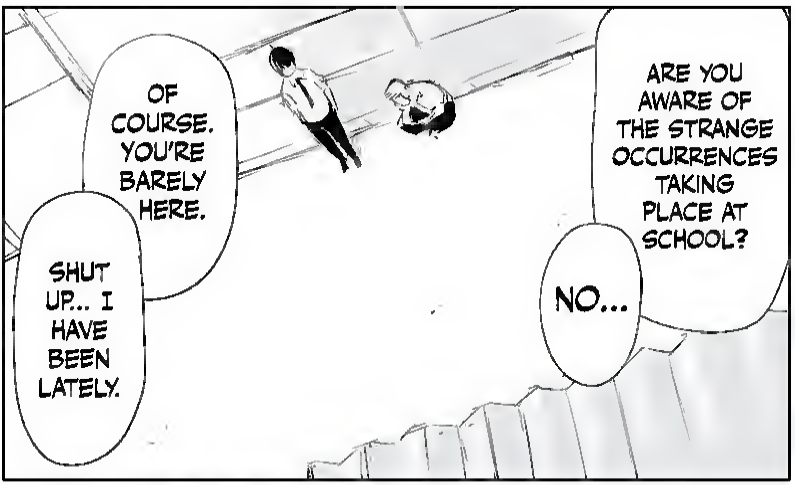
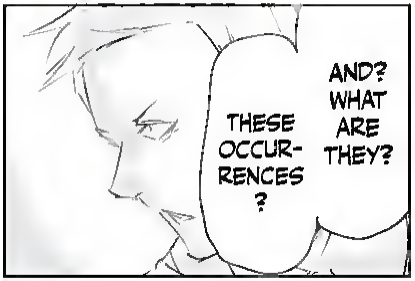
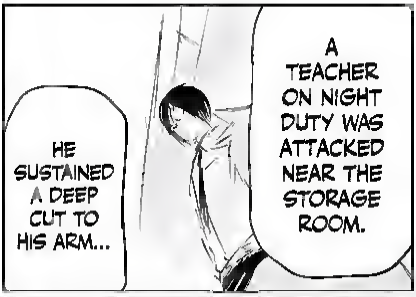
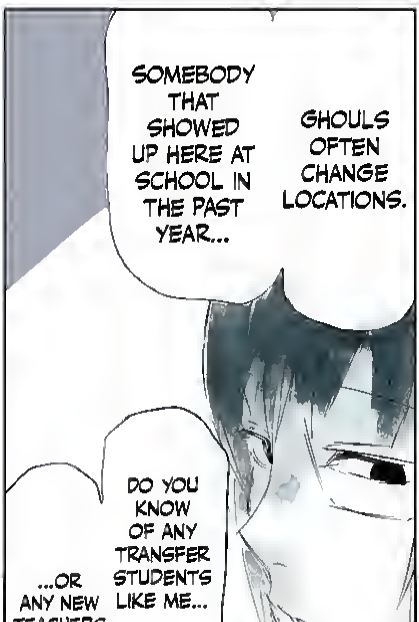

ARE YOU AWARE OF THE STRANGE OCCURRENCES TAKING PLACE AT SCHOOL?
NO...
OF COURSE. YOU'RE BARELY HERE.
SHUT UP... I HAVE BEEN LATELY.

JUST LIKE YOURS.
...!


AND? WHAT ARE THEY?
THESE OCCUR-RENCES ?


A TEACHER ON NIGHT DUTY WAS ATTACKED NEAR THE STORAGE ROOM.
HE SUSTAINED A DEEP CUT TO HIS ARM...

AND IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS, WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS.
SO WHOEVER DID THAT MIGHT BE...?
RIGHT. IT COULD BE THE LANTERN.
LANTERN?
THAT PUMPKIN-HEAD GUY.
YOU KNOW, LIKE YOU SEE AT HALLOWEEN.
A JACK-O'-LANTERN.
GHOUL ATTACKS ARE SOMETIMES REPORTED ON THE RADIO.
THEY CALL HIM THE LANTERN.
I DIDN'T KNOW ...


SOMEBODY THAT SHOWED UP HERE AT SCHOOL IN THE PAST YEAR...
GHOULS OFTEN CHANGE LOCATIONS.
DO YOU KNOW OF ANY TRANSFER STUDENTS LIKE ME...
...OR ANY NEW TEACHERS?

ON CAMPUS...?
WHOEVER'S RESPONSIBLE COULD BE ON CAMPUS.

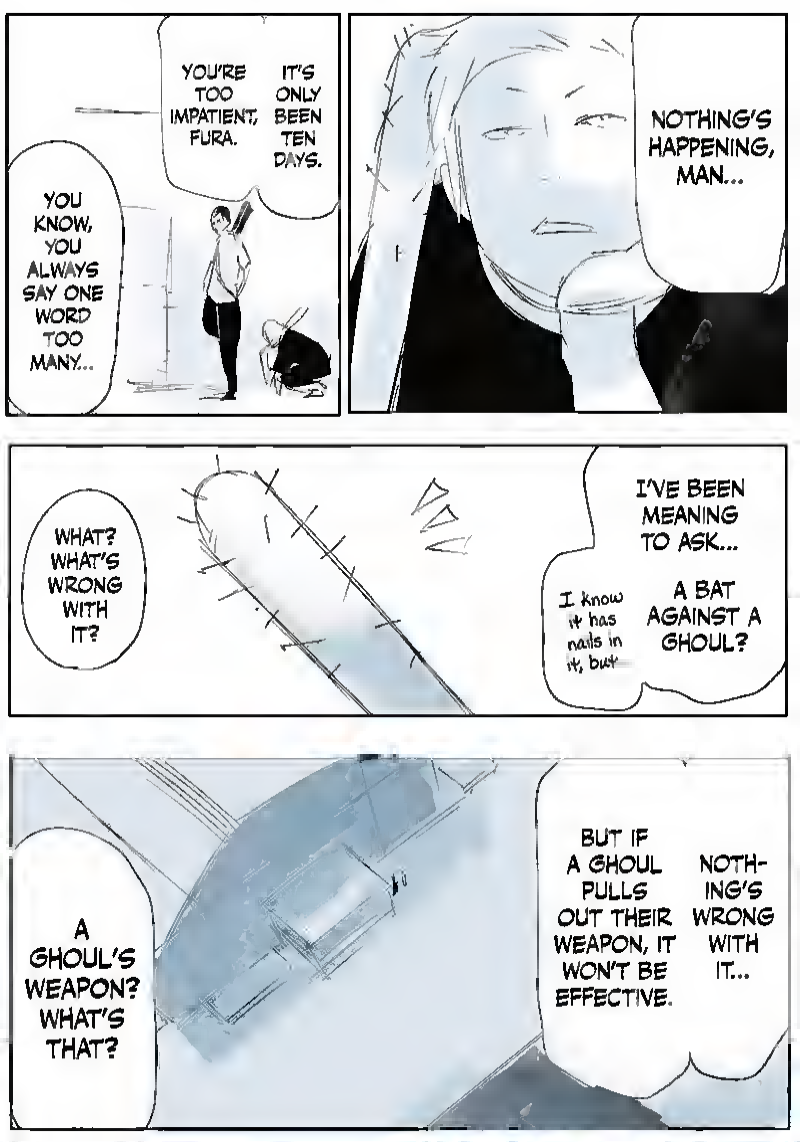
MR. OGATA, HUH...
HE CAME BACK A BIT BEFORE YOU GOT HERE.
NO NEW TEACHERS, BUT OGATA WAS ON SICK LEAVE.
TRANSFER STUDENTS, HUH? THAT'D BE YOU, MINAMI... AND KUROFUJI.

SO? WHAT DO WE DO?
STAKE OUT THE CAMPUS AT NIGHT.

IT MAY TAKE DAYS.
AND THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THE LANTERN WILL EVEN SHOW UP.

BUT WE'LL LOOK INTO EVERY POSSIBILITY.
THAT'S THE ONLY WAY.

BEIN' HERE AT NIGHT'S KINDA EXCITING !!
WE'LL START TOMORROW !!
BUT IF WE GET CAUGHT, WE COULD GET SUSPENDED.
DON'T WORRY.
YOU'VE BEEN ABSENT SO MUCH IT'S ALMOST LIKE YOU TOOK A LEAVE OF ABSENCE.
A SUSPEN-SION NOW WON'T MATTER MUCH.
HUH ?!


YOU'RE TOO IMPATIENT, FURA.
IT'S ONLY BEEN TEN DAYS.
YOU KNOW, YOU ALWAYS SAY ONE WORD TOO MANY...
NOTHING'S HAPPENING, MAN...
I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK...
A BAT AGAINST A GHOUL?
I know it has nails in it, but
WHAT? WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT?
NOTH-ING'S WRONG WITH IT...
BUT IF A GHOUL PULLS OUT THEIR WEAPON, IT WON'T BE EFFECTIVE.
A GHOUL'S WEAPON? WHAT'S THAT?

KAGUNE.
IN KANJI IT'S WRITTEN AS TWO REDS AND A CHILD...
...AND READ AS "KAGUNE".
OH, THAT TAIL LIKE THING...
LIKE THE ONE THE LANTERN USED.
IT'S FLUID LIKE WATER...
...AND HARD AS STEEL.
IT'S AN ORGAN A GHOUL USES TO ATTACK.

ONLY A KAGUNE CAN COUNTER ...
...A KAGUNE.
ONLY A KAGUNE, HUH...
HOW DOES HE KNOW SO MUCH...?

SO THEN WHY DO YOU HAVE A GUITAR ...?
WHAT? OH, THIS...?

...!

GASP... IT'S OGATA!
W-WHAT ARE YOU GUYS...?
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING HERE?!
DON'T TELL ME...
...YOU GUYS ARE CAUSING THESE INCIDENTS!
HUH ?!
NO! WE WERE JUST ...!!

SHHK
?!?!

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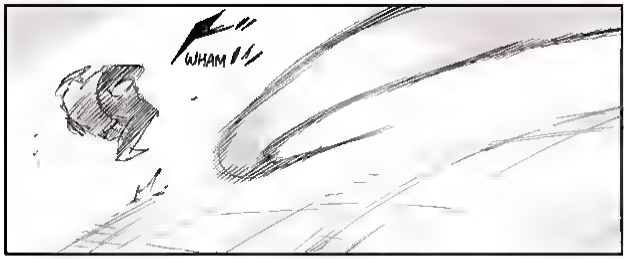
WHA
...?
GNF


WHAM!!

UNGH
...

GHK

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GOOD EVENING ...
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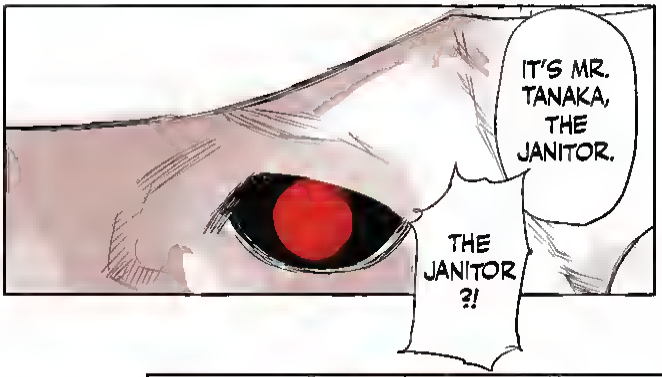
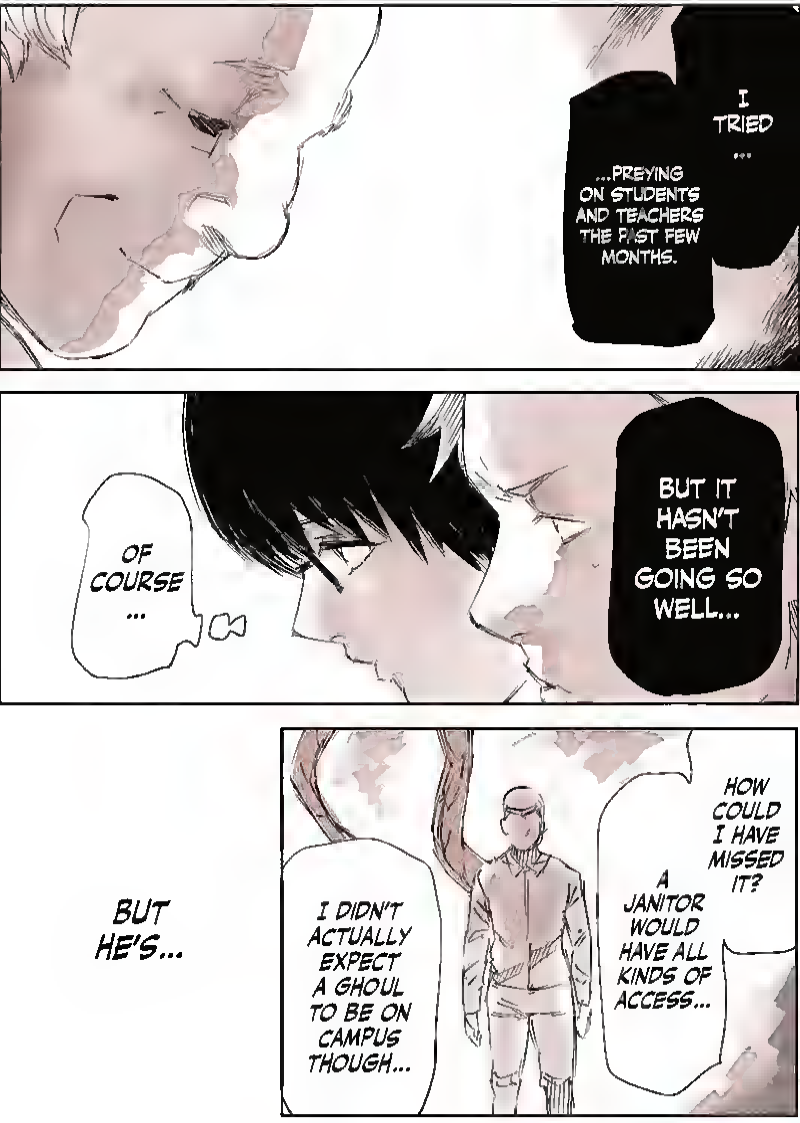
WHO IS THAT?!
HE LOOKS KINDA FAMILIAR ...

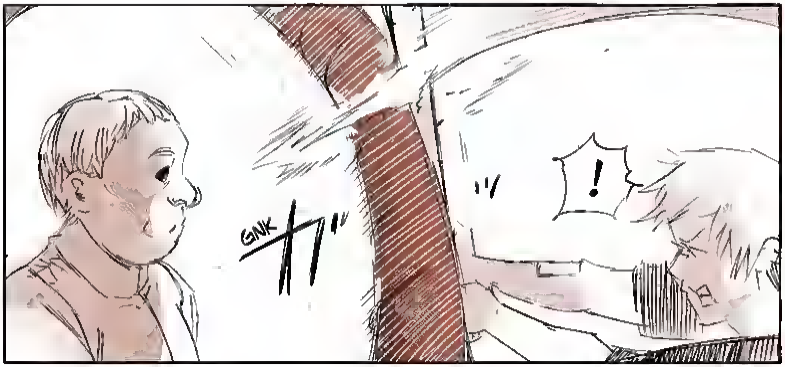

IT'S MR. TANAKA, THE JANITOR.
THE JANITOR ?!

HE'S A GHOUL ?!

DOES HE LOOK HUMAN ...?


I TRIED ...
...PREYING ON STUDENTS AND TEACHERS THE PAST FEW MONTHS.
BUT IT HASN'T BEEN GOING SO WELL...
OF COURSE ...
BUT HE'S...
HOW COULD I HAVE MISSED IT?
A JANITOR WOULD HAVE ALL KINDS OF ACCESS...
I DIDN'T ACTUALLY EXPECT A GHOUL TO BE ON CAMPUS THOUGH...

A GHOUL ...
A MAN-EATING MONSTER ...
SO HE'S THE LANTERN ...
HE KILLED RYO AND HURT AKI...!!
"GRK
FURA! NO!
RAAAAAA!!!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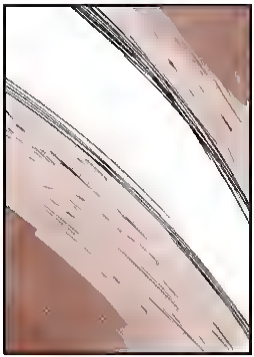
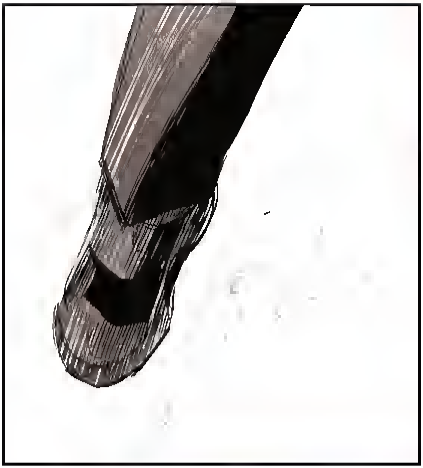
GTNK





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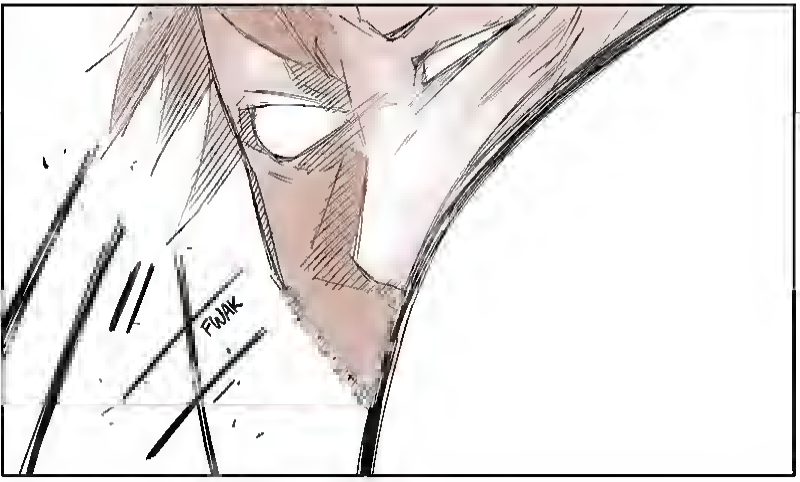
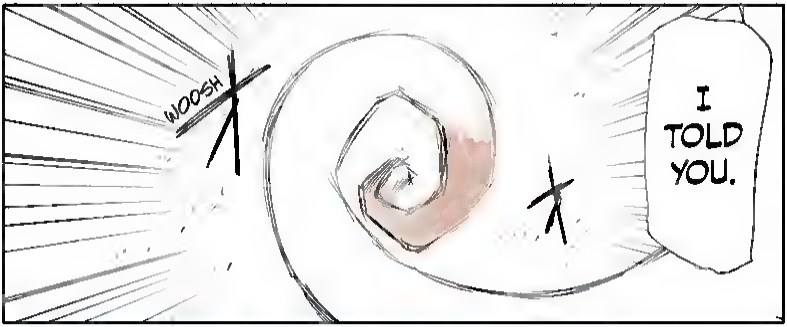
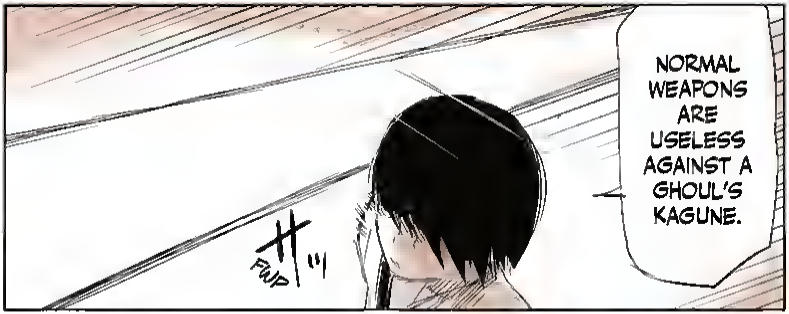
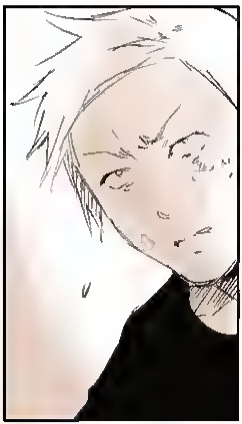

FWAK

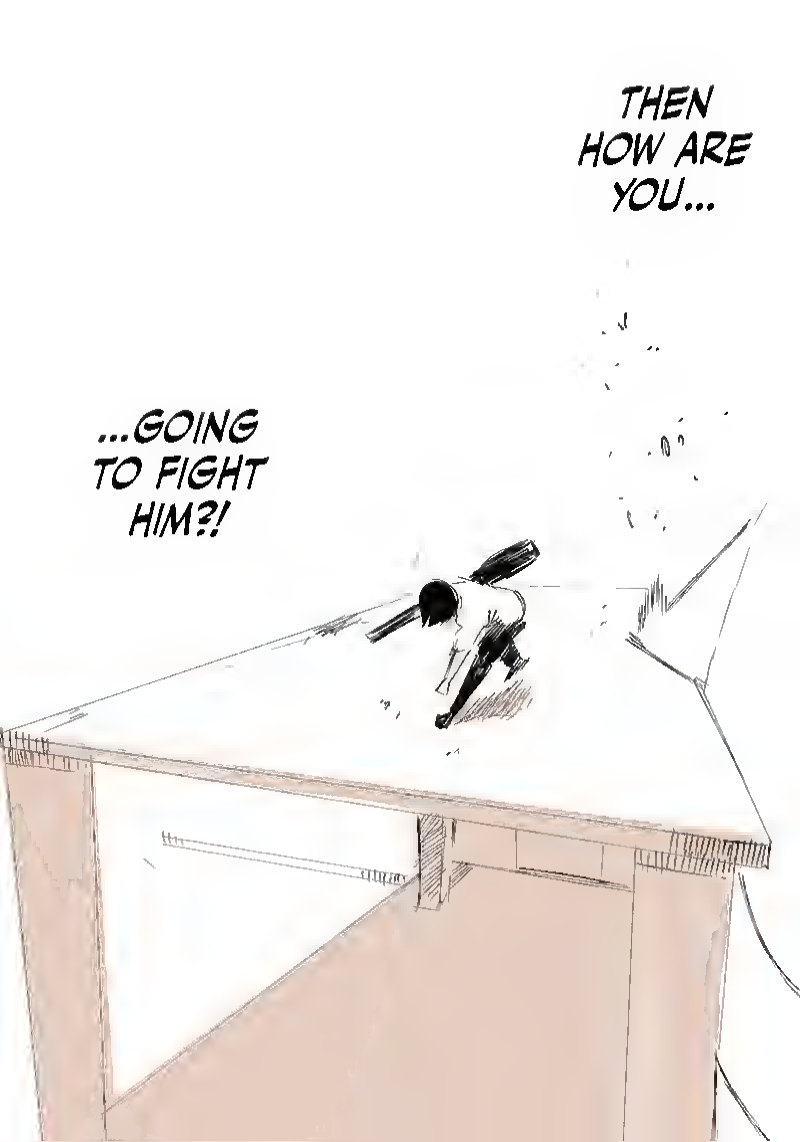
...!
ZWOK
ZSSH...
?!?!
OW ...?!
FWP
WHAT THE HELL, MAN?!
GETTING KICKED BY ME...
...OR HAVING YOUR STOMACH PIERCED BY A KAGUNE. WHICH WOULD YOU PREFER?


WOOSH
I TOLD YOU.

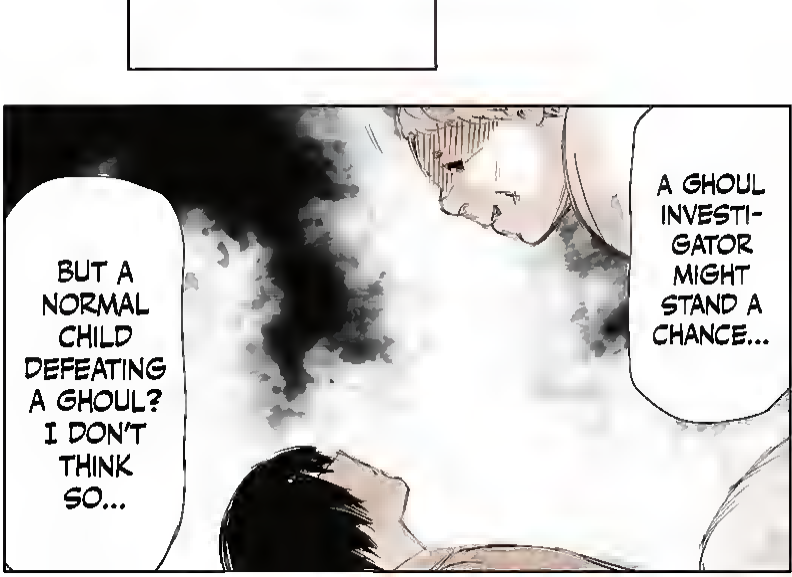

NORMAL WEAPONS ARE USELESS AGAINST A GHOUL'S KAGUNE.
FWIP

THEN...

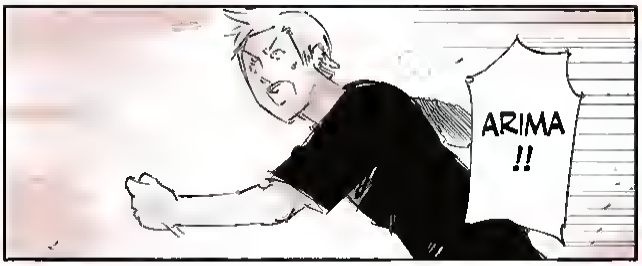



THEN HOW ARE YOU...
...GOING TO FIGHT HIM?!

YOU MOVE WONDER-FULLY.
BUT ...
SHWF


A GHOUL INVESTI-GATOR MIGHT STAND A CHANCE...
BUT A NORMAL CHILD DEFEATING A GHOUL? I DON'T THINK SO...

I JUST LOVE FLESH FROM THE CHEEKS ...
...
GAZE...
...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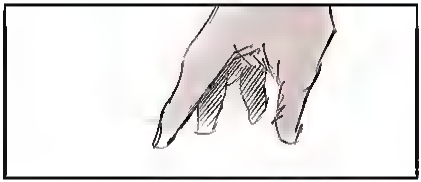

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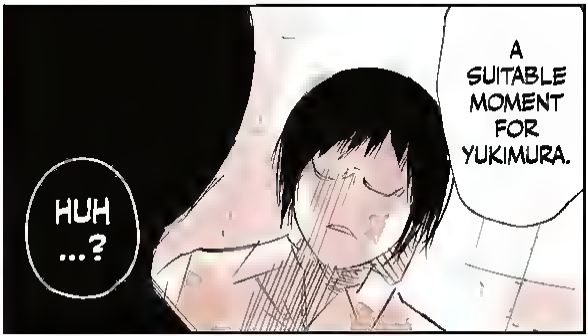
A SUITABLE MOMENT FOR YUKIMURA.
HUH ...?

CLK
??
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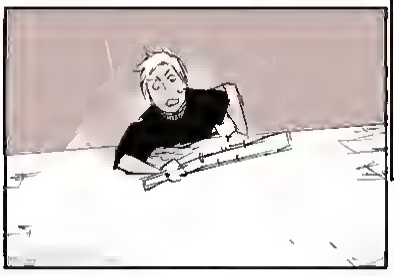
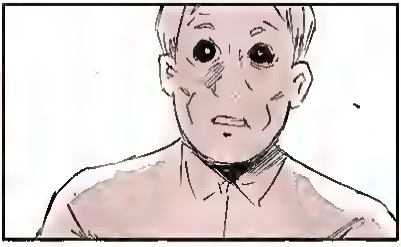
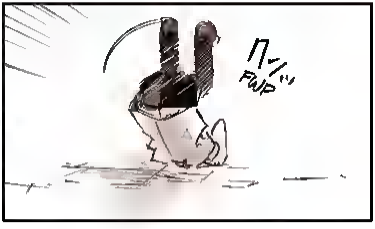
GKNK



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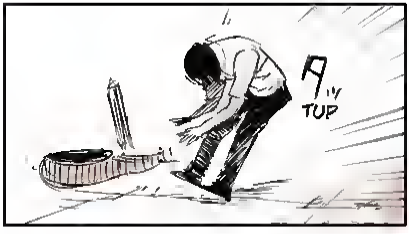
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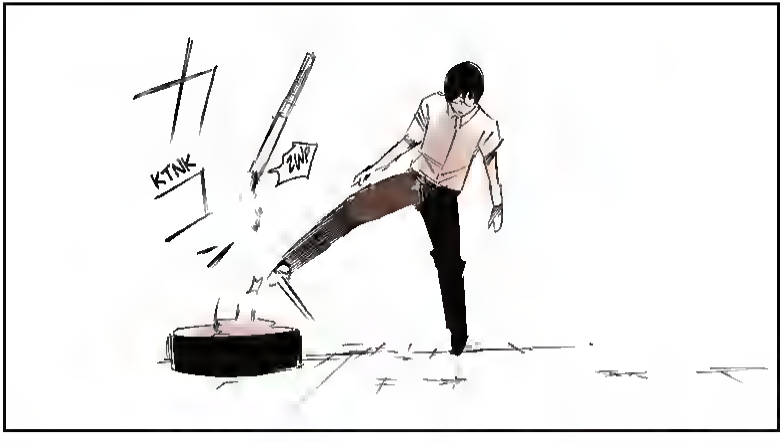
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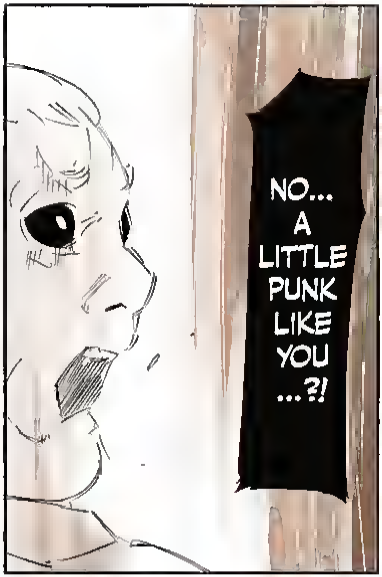
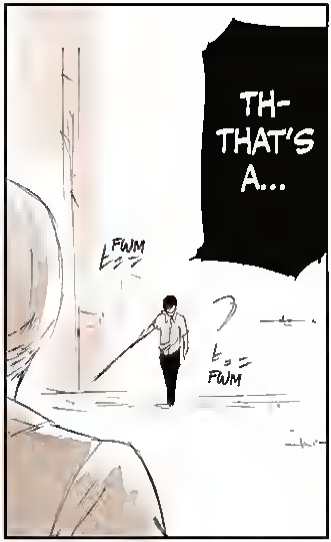

NO... A LITTLE PUNK LIKE YOU ...?!


TH-THAT'S A...
FWM
FWM

!
TMP
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!!
ZANK
DAMN
...
WHAT IS THAT?!

YUKI-
MURA
IS...
...A
QUINQUE.
AN ANTI-
GHOUL
WEAPON.
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SINCE
ONLY A
KAGUNE
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COUNTER
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...A
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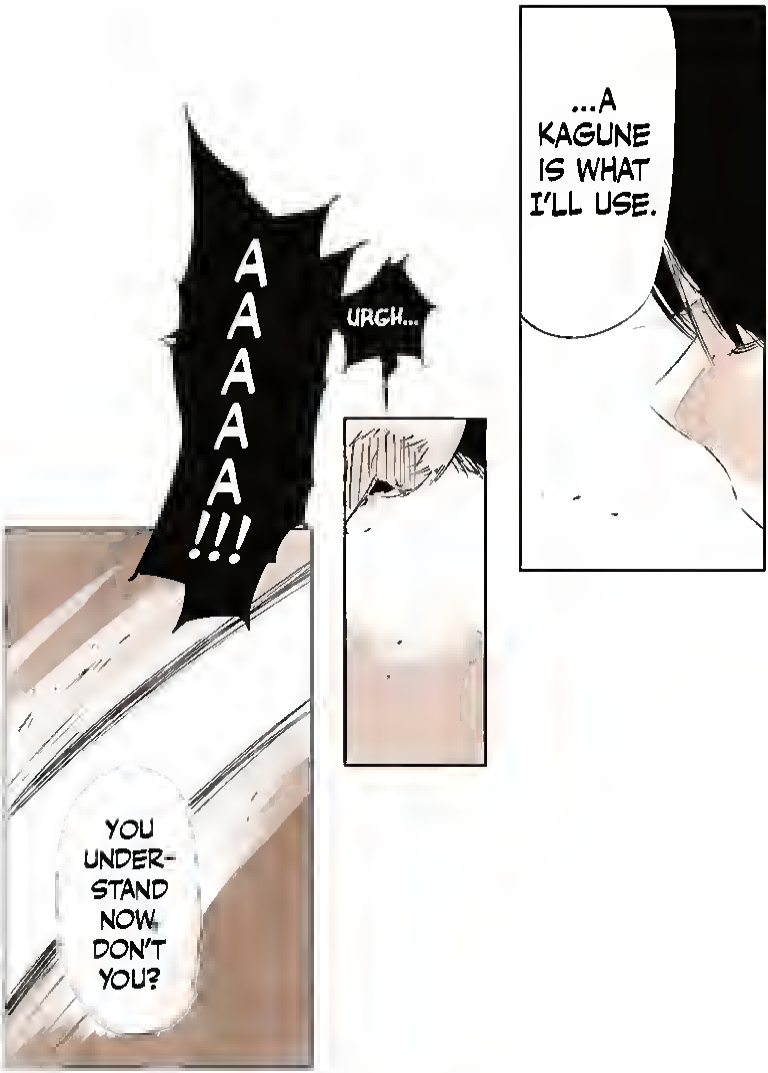
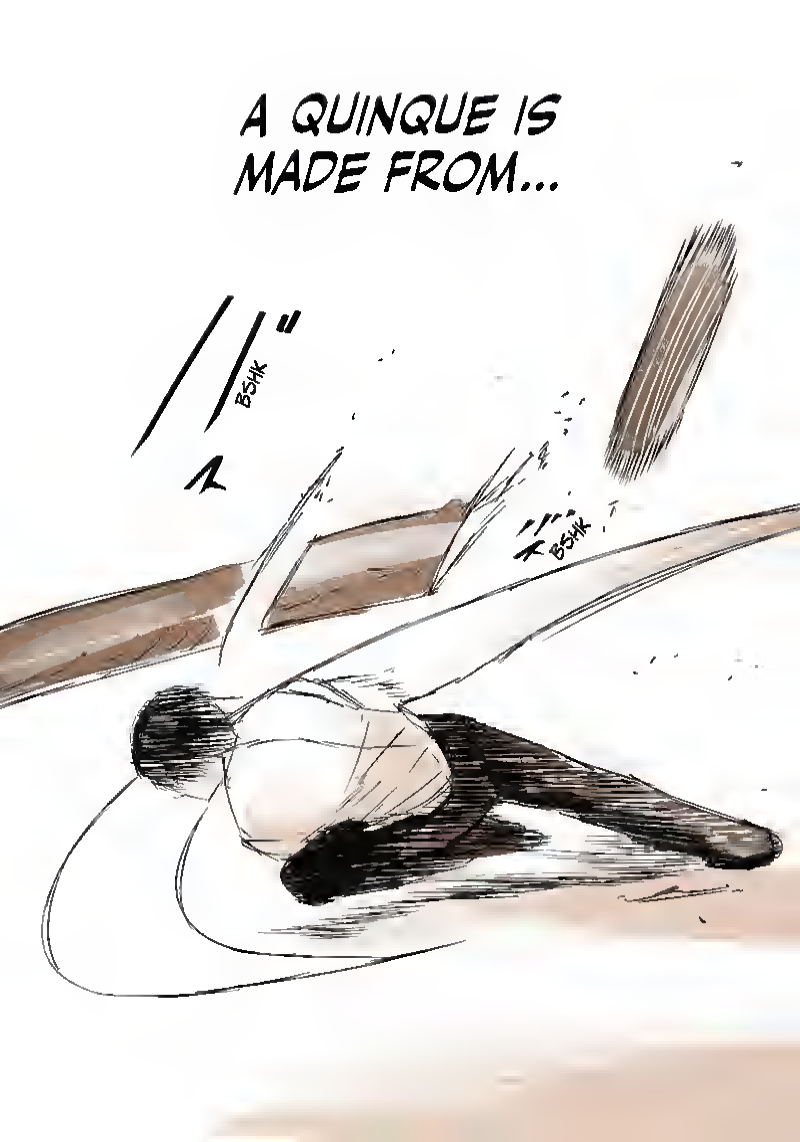
THEN...


...A KAGUNE IS WHAT I'LL USE.
URGH...
AAAAAA!!!
YOU UNDER-STAND NOW, DON'T YOU?


A QUINQUE IS MADE FROM...
BSHK
BSHK

...A KAGUNE.
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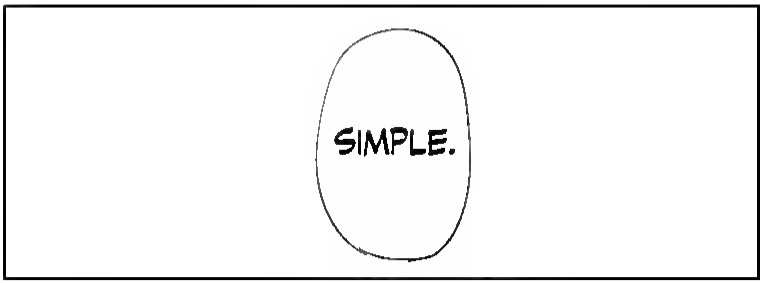
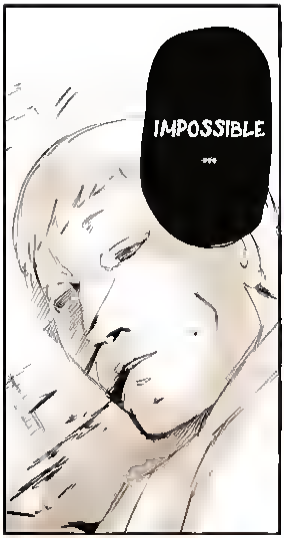
WHY...
...WOULD A KID...
...HAVE A GHOUL INVESTI-GATOR'S WEAPON?


SIMPLE.

I'M ...
...A GHOUL INVESTI-GATOR.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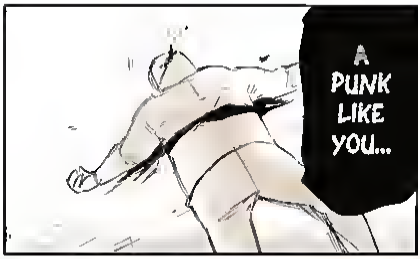
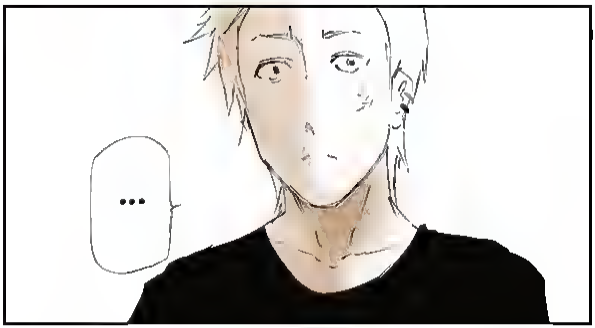

A PUNK LIKE YOU...

AN INVESTI-GATOR ...??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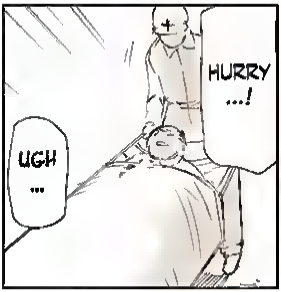
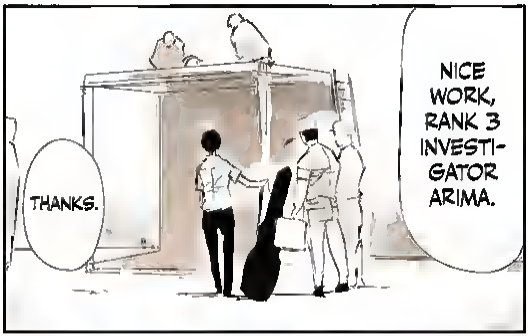
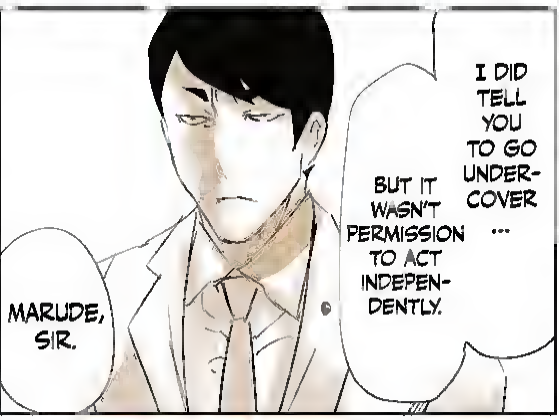
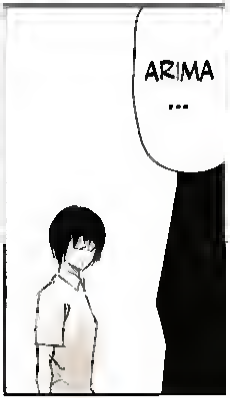
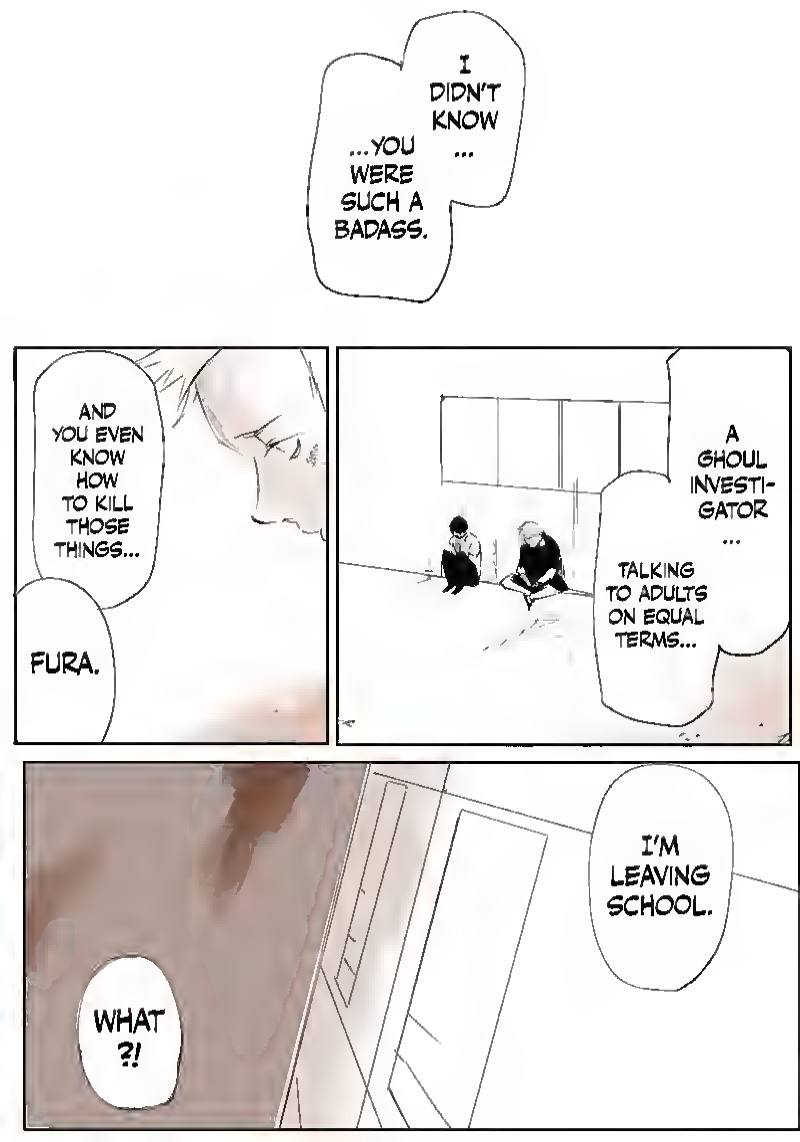

HURRY ...!
UGH ...

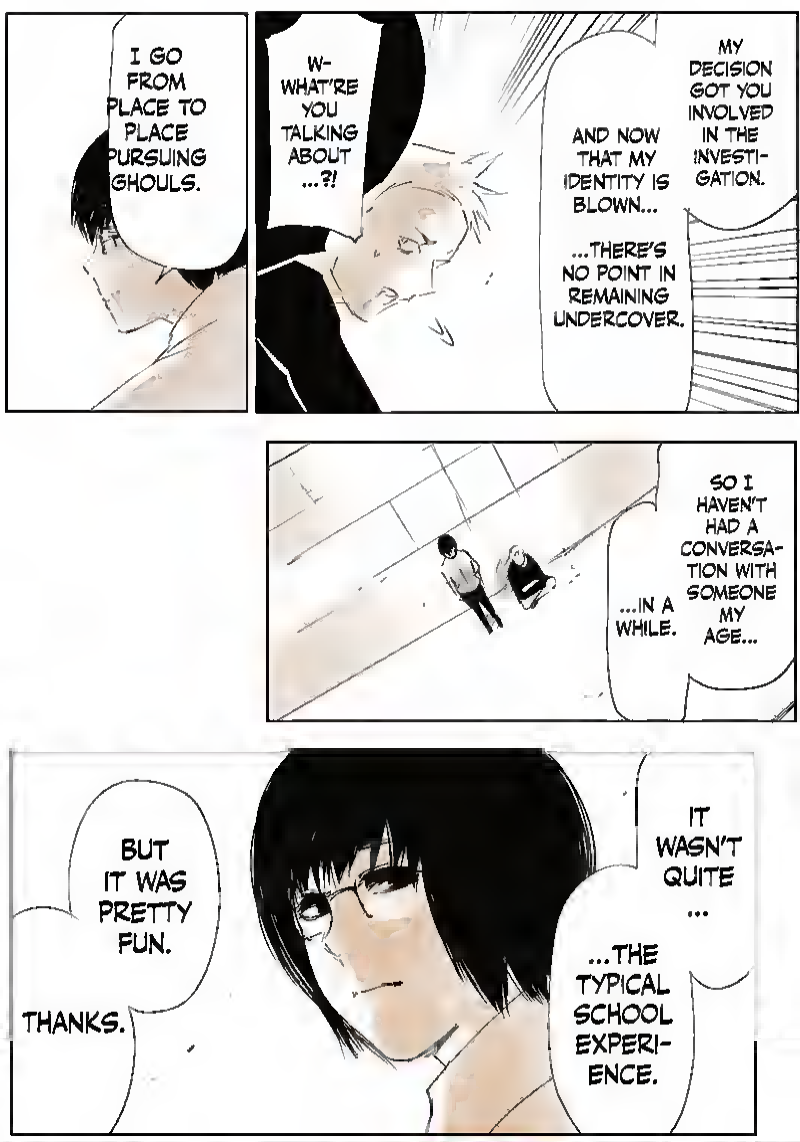

NICE WORK, RANK 3 INVESTI-GATOR ARIMA.
THANKS.

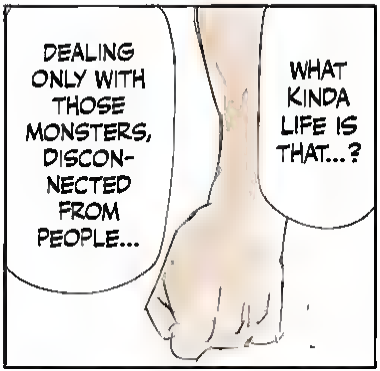

I DID TELL YOU TO GO UNDER-COVER ...
BUT IT WASN'T PERMISSION TO ACT INDEPEN-DENTLY.
MARUDE, SIR.

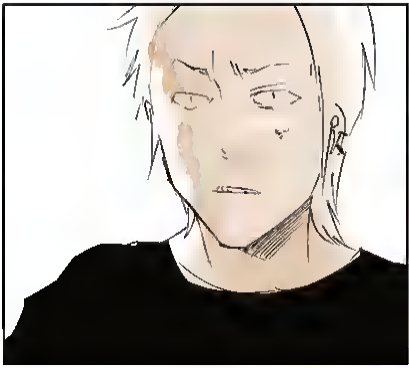

ARIMA ...

BUT I DID ELIMINATE ONE GHOUL...
BUT NOW I SEE YOU TALK TOO MUCH!
YOU'LL GET YOURSELF KILLED ONE DAY!
ACTUALLY, I HOPE YOU DO!
THAT'S THAT KID FROM...
MM ...?
YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, DON'T YOU...?
YES, SIR...

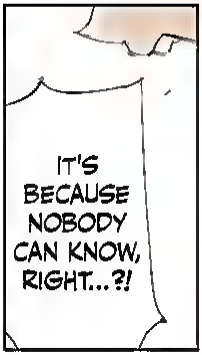

I DIDN'T KNOW ...
...YOU WERE SUCH A BADASS.
AND YOU EVEN KNOW HOW TO KILL THOSE THINGS...
FURA.
A GHOUL INVESTI-GATOR ...
TALKING TO ADULTS ON EQUAL TERMS...
I'M LEAVING SCHOOL.
WHAT ?!


I GO FROM PLACE TO PLACE PURSUING GHOULS.
W-WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT ...?!
MY DECISION GOT YOU INVOLVED IN THE INVESTI-GATION.
AND NOW THAT MY IDENTITY IS BLOWN...
...THERE'S NO POINT IN REMAINING UNDERCOVER.
SO I HAVEN'T HAD A CONVERSA-TION WITH SOMEONE MY AGE...
...IN A WHILE.
IT WASN'T QUITE ...
...THE TYPICAL SCHOOL EXPERI-ENCE.
BUT IT WAS PRETTY FUN.
THANKS.

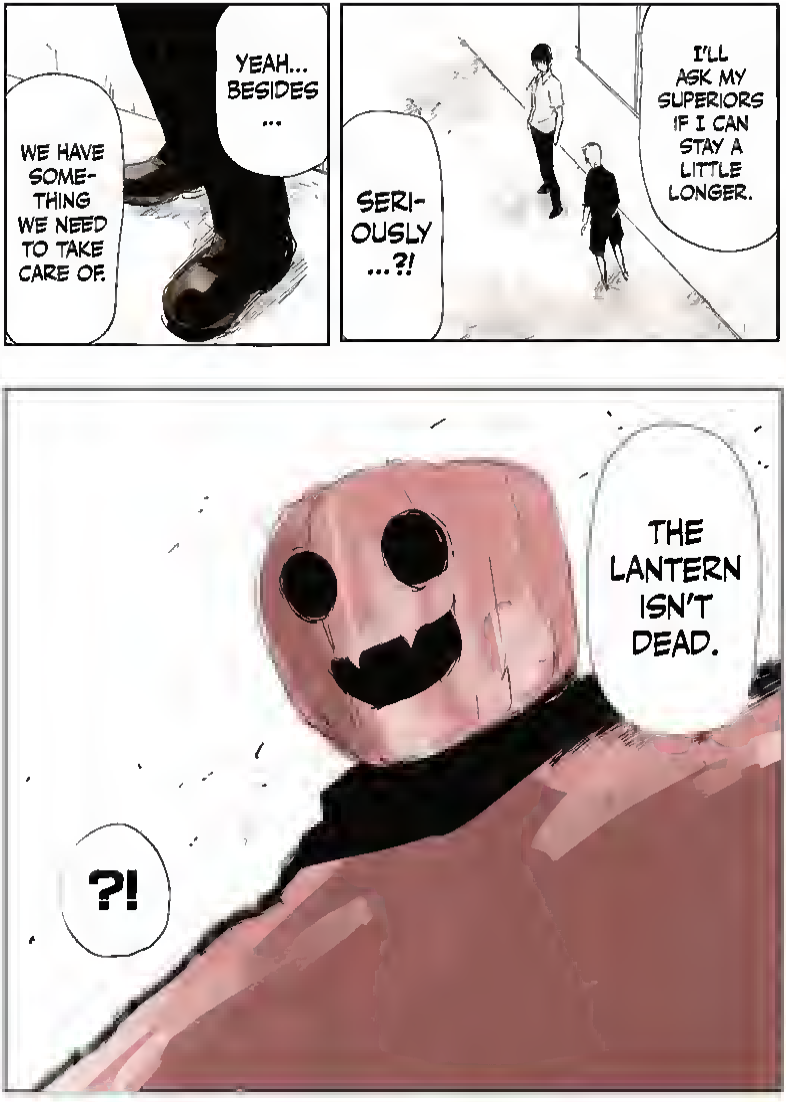

DEALING ONLY WITH THOSE MONSTERS, DISCON-NECTED FROM PEOPLE...
WHAT KINDA LIFE IS THAT...?

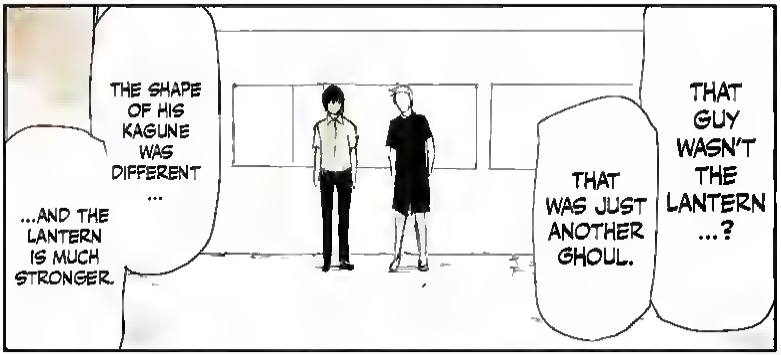


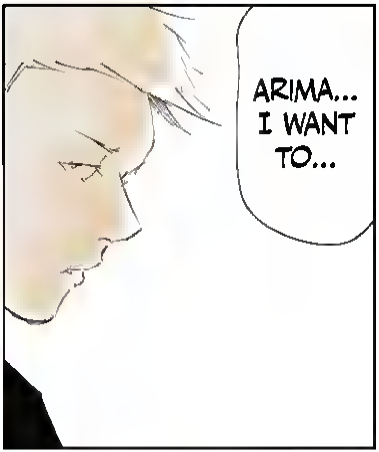
I WON'T SAY A WORD !!
ABOUT WHO YOU ARE OR ABOUT THE GHOULS !!

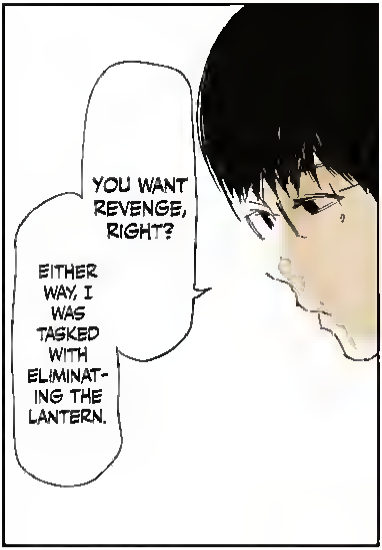

IT'S BECAUSE NOBODY CAN KNOW, RIGHT...?!

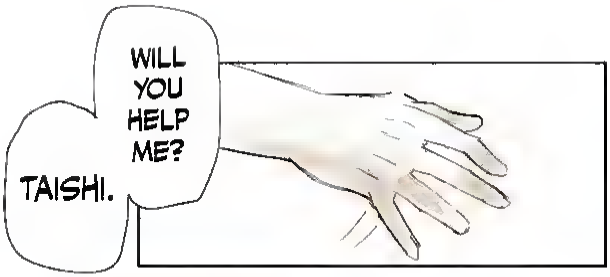
SO TRY LIVING A NORMAL LIFE, MAN...!!
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE THE ONE TO TELL ME THAT...
BUT YOU'RE RIGHT...
YOU DO SEEM LIKE THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO CAN BE DISCREET.

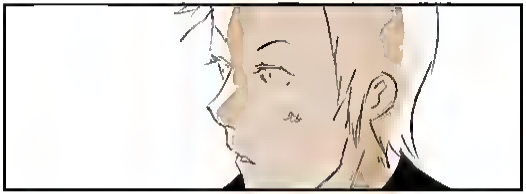

YEAH... BESIDES ...
WE HAVE SOME-THING WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF.
I'LL ASK MY SUPERIORS IF I CAN STAY A LITTLE LONGER.
SERI-OUSLY ...?!
THE LANTERN ISN'T DEAD.
?!


THAT GUY WASN'T THE LANTERN ...?
THAT WAS JUST ANOTHER GHOUL.
THE SHAPE OF HIS KAGUNE WAS DIFFERENT ...
...AND THE LANTERN IS MUCH STRONGER.


ARIMA... I WANT TO...


YOU WANT REVENGE, RIGHT?
EITHER WAY, I WAS TASKED WITH ELIMINAT-ING THE LANTERN.


TAISHI.
WILL YOU HELP ME?



YOU'LL BE EFFECTIVE BAIT.
YOU REALLY DO SAY ONE WORD TOO MANY...

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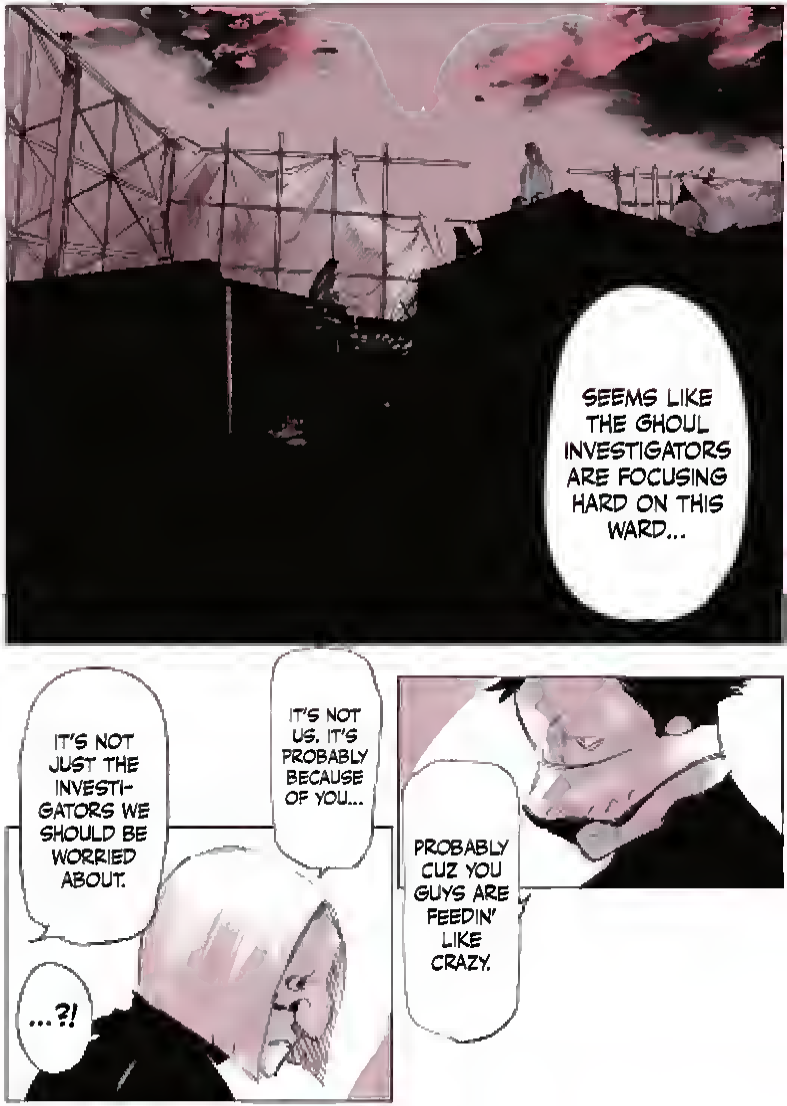

SEEMS LIKE THE GHOUL INVESTIGATORS ARE FOCUSING HARD ON THIS WARD...
IT'S NOT JUST THE INVESTI-GATORS WE SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT.
IT'S NOT US. IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE OF YOU...
...?!
PROBABLY CUZ YOU GUYS ARE FEEDIN' LIKE CRAZY.

IT'S THE TWO STUDENTS.
WHAT DO WE GOT TO BE AFRAID OF?
STUDENTS..? THEY'RE JUST KIDS, RIGHT?
THEY'RE NOT JUST KIDS.

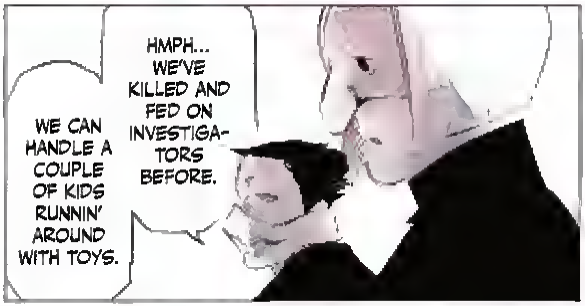
...! AN INVESTIGATOR'S WEAPON ...?

BUT THE OTHER ONE IS ARMED WITH A GHOUL INVESTIGATOR'S WEAPON.

ONE OF THEM MIGHT BE JUST A MUSCLE-HEAD...

THESE TWO ARE THE GUYS THAT'VE BEEN HUNTING DOWN GHOULS RECENTLY.

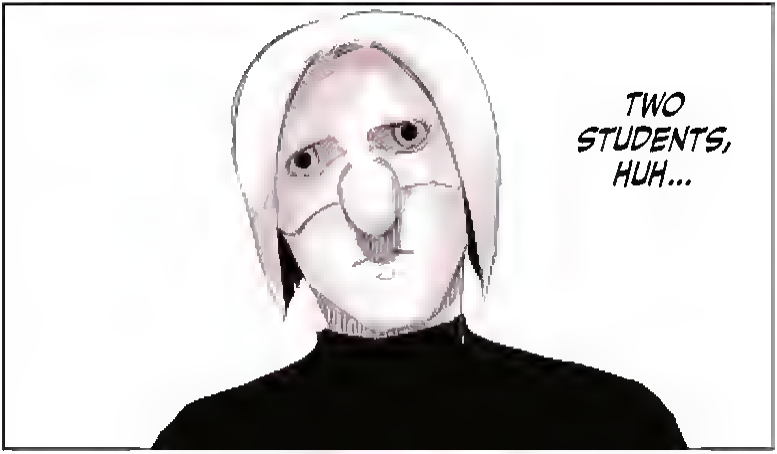
TAKE THEM LIGHTLY ...
...AND THEY WILL SURPRISE EVEN YOU GUYS.


HMPH... WE'VE KILLED AND FED ON INVESTIGA-TORS BEFORE.
WE CAN HANDLE A COUPLE OF KIDS RUNNIN' AROUND WITH TOYS.

CHILDREN ARE BETTER...
...AT PLAYING WITH TOYS.

ALTHOUGH FOR ME...
IT'D BE EASIER TO FEED IF YOU WERE DEAD.

I PRAY A TOY JUST LIKE YOUR KAGUNE SHOWS UP SOON.
GO TO HELL, PUMPKIN HEAD.


TWO STUDENTS, HUH...

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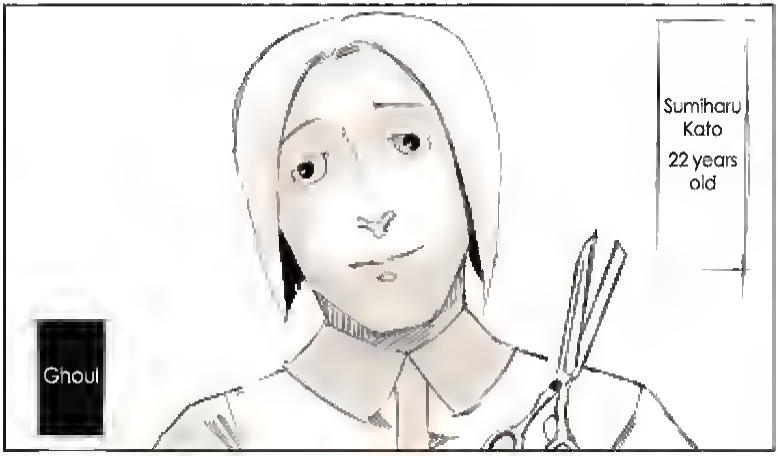
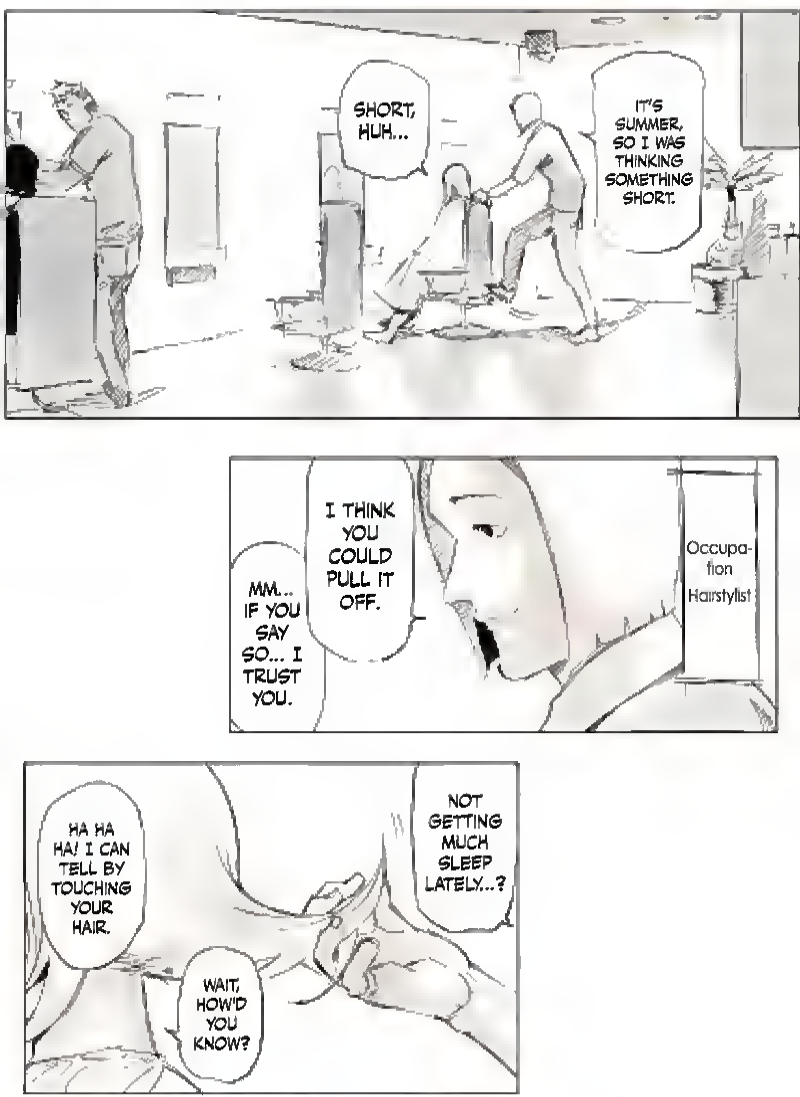
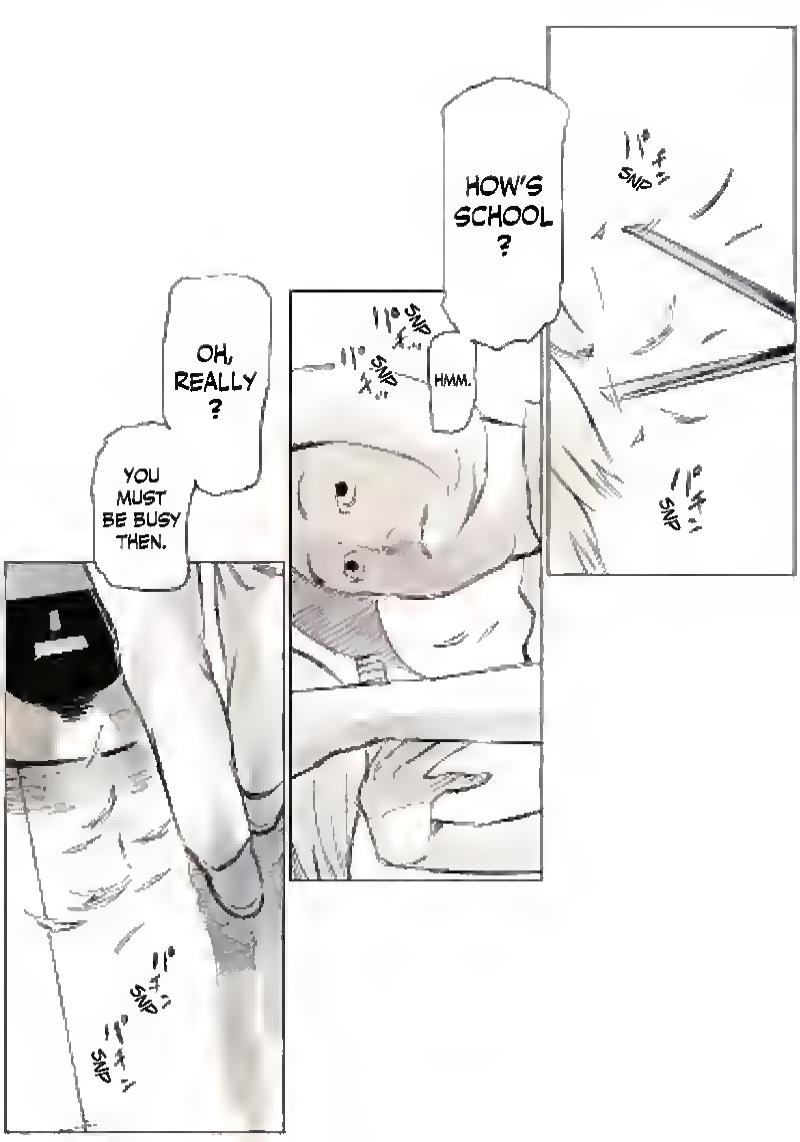



SHORT, HUH...
IT'S SUMMER, SO I WAS THINKING SOMETHING SHORT.
MM... IF YOU SAY SO... I TRUST YOU.
I THINK YOU COULD PULL IT OFF.
Occupation Hairstylist
HA HA HA! I CAN TELL BY TOUCHING YOUR HAIR.
WAIT, HOW'D YOU KNOW?
NOT GETTING MUCH SLEEP LATELY...?


HOW'S SCHOOL?
HMM.
OH, REALLY?
YOU MUST BE BUSY THEN.
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP

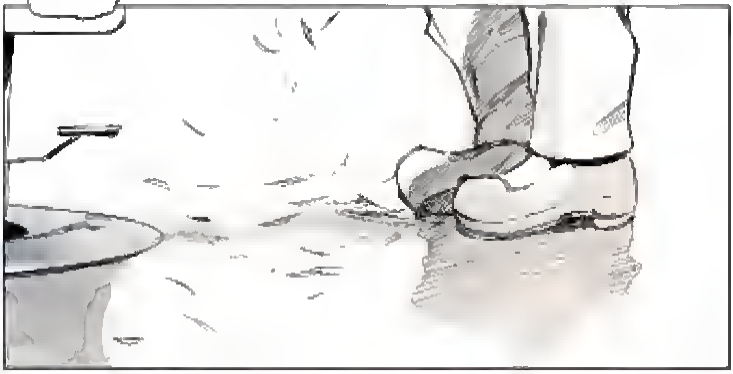
I TOTALLY UNDER-STAND.

YEAH, I'M LIKE THAT TOO.

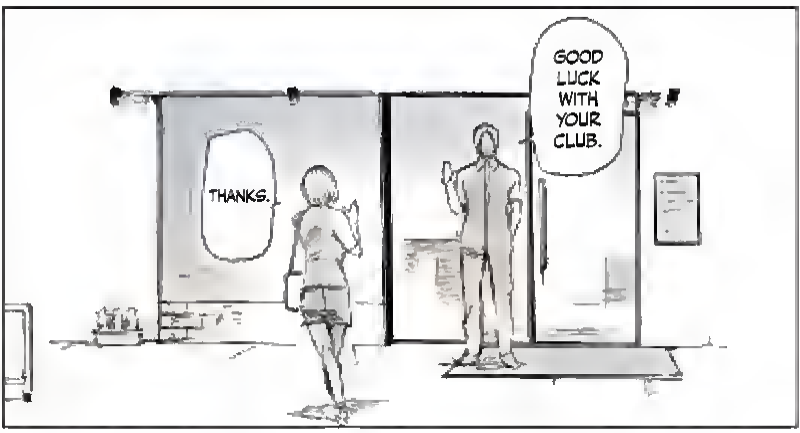
ACTUALLY, TO BE HONEST...

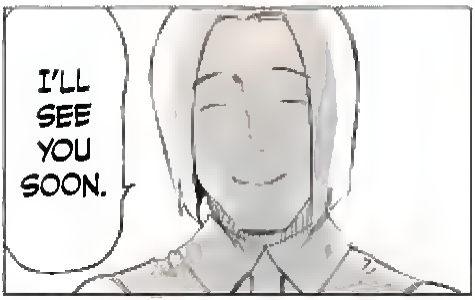
AND IT WAS LIKE...

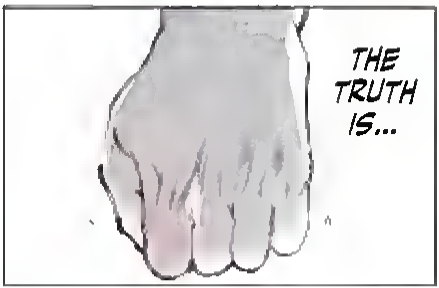
I'M SERIOUS.



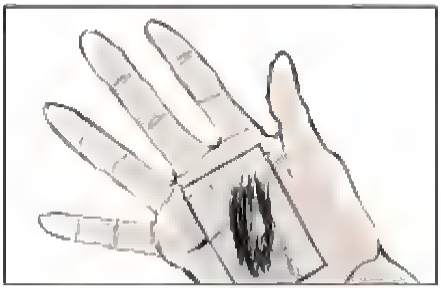
I TOOK OFF QUITE A BIT.
THE BACK LOOKS LIKE THIS...
WOW! IT'S CUTE. I LOVE IT...


GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR CLUB.
THANKS.


I'LL SEE YOU SOON.


THE TRUTH IS...

I WANT TO SHAVE ALL OF YOU BALD.



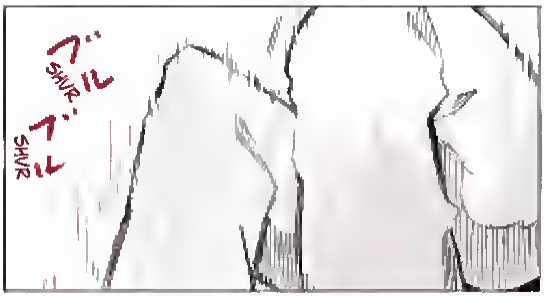
I TAKE PLEASURE IN...

...SAVORING MY CLIENTS' HAIR...

...AND FANTASIZING.

THE ROOT...

THE SCALP, WHERE THE HAIR TAKES ROOT...



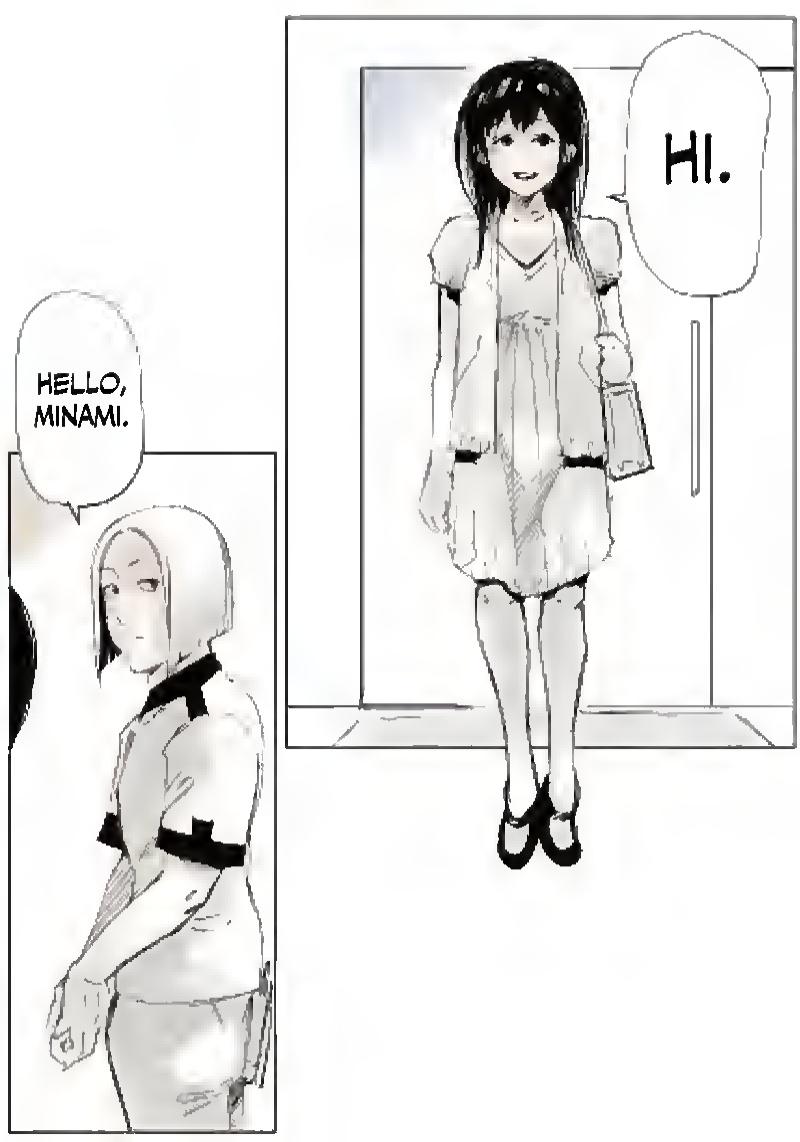
EACH AND EVERY PORE...

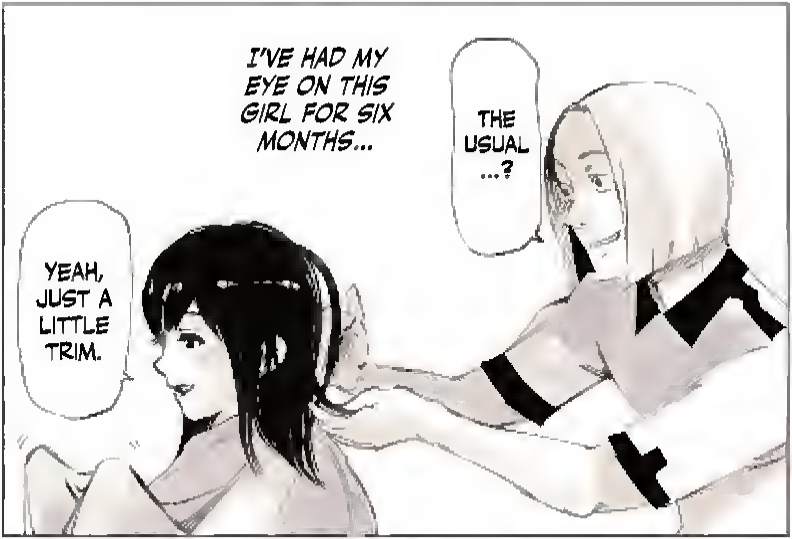
EVERY PIECE OF MEAT UNDER THE FLESH...

THE FLAVOR OF THEM...

KILLING AND FEEDING ON THE CLIENTS WHOSE HAIR I ENJOY...
THERE'S NOTHING I LOVE MORE.

I NEED MY NEXT MEAL SOON...
I HAVEN'T PROPERLY FED RECENTLY CUZ OF THE INVESTIGA-TORS...
COME TO THINK OF IT, THAT GIRL HAS AN APPOINTMENT TODAY...
CLANG

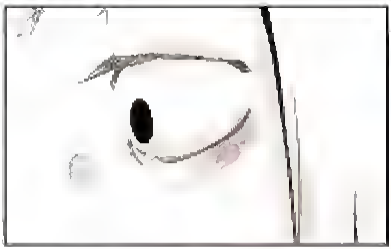

HI.
HELLO, MINAMI.



I THINK SHE'S A SECOND-YEAR STUDENT AT SEISHIN HIGH.

I GOT THE SHIVERS THE FIRST TIME I LAID EYES ON HER...

HER LONG, BLACK, SHINY HAIR WHETS MY APPETITE.



BUT SHE ONLY LETS ME GIVE HER A TRIM...

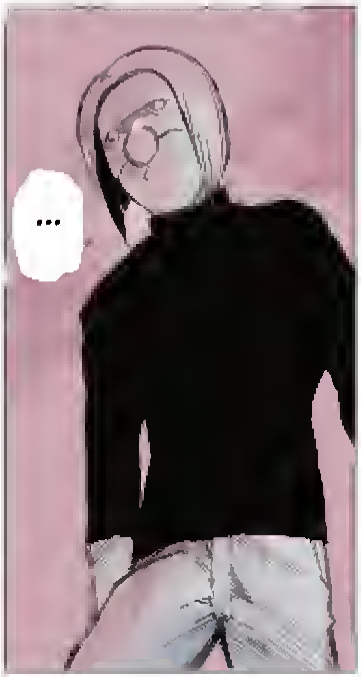
AN IRRE-SISTIBLE RICHNESS THAT SUR-PASSES ALL OTHERS...

YOU CAN'T RE-CREATE IT EVEN IF YOU SHAMPOO YOUR HAIR WITH CONCEN-TRATED BLOOD.

THE SCENT OF BLOOD EMANATING FROM EVERY PORE.

AND THIS SCENT ...

BUT I'M GONNA CUT IT ALL OFF NOW.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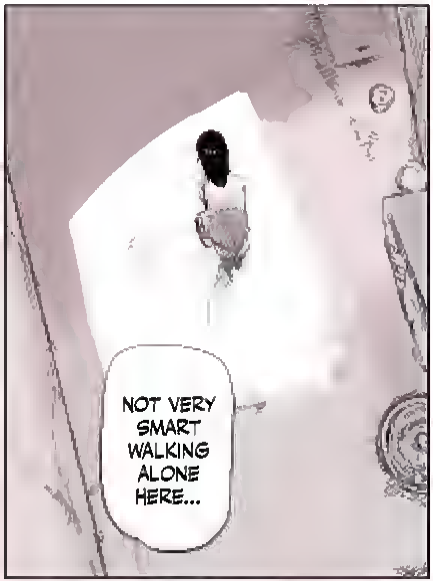
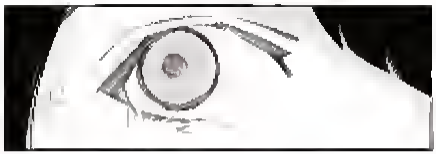
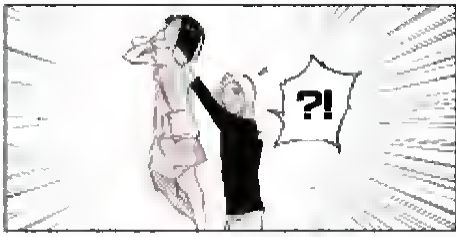

NOT VERY SMART WALKING ALONE HERE...

IT'S ALMOST LIKE YOU'RE SAYING...



...BON APPÉTIT TO ME.

SNIP, SNIP.
OW ...!!
GNIF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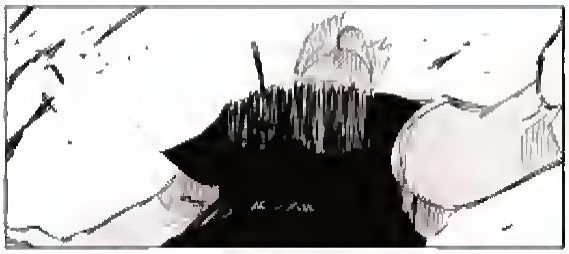
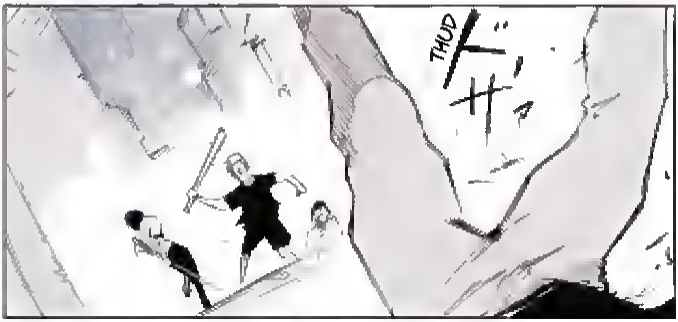
WH...

WHAT...

...THE?!

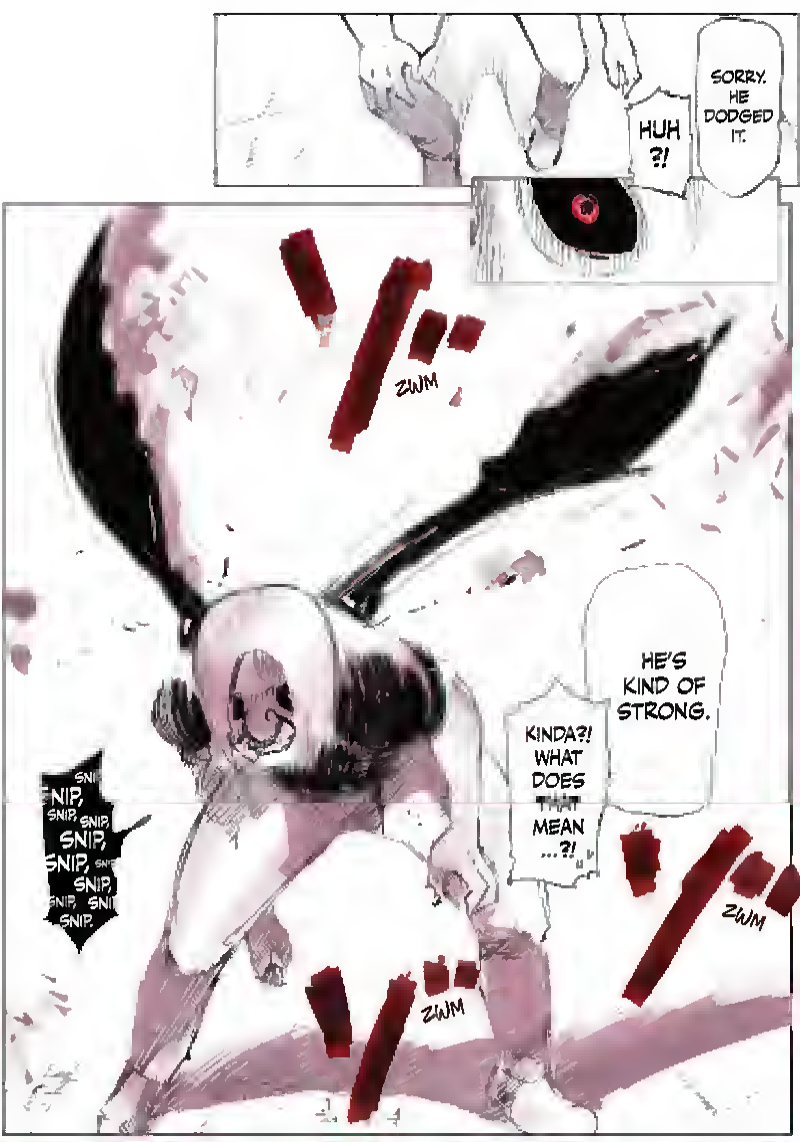



THUD

F-
FURA
AND...

TAISHI.
ARIMA
...?

Y...
YOU
OKAY,
MINAMI
?!


SORRY. HE DODGED IT.
HUH ?!
ZWM
HE'S KIND OF STRONG.
KINDA?! WHAT DOES THAT MEAN ...?!
SNIP, SNIP, SNIP, SNIP, SNIP, SNIP, SNIP, SNIP.
ZWM
ZWM

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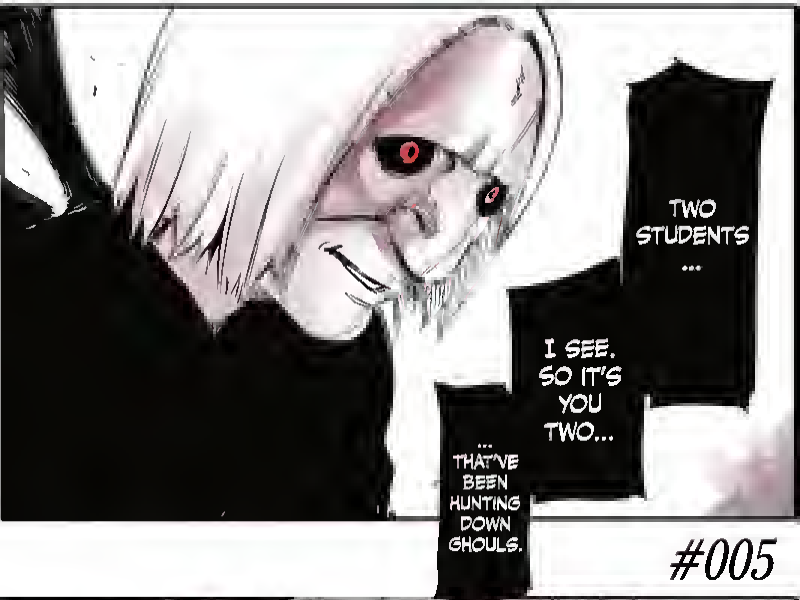
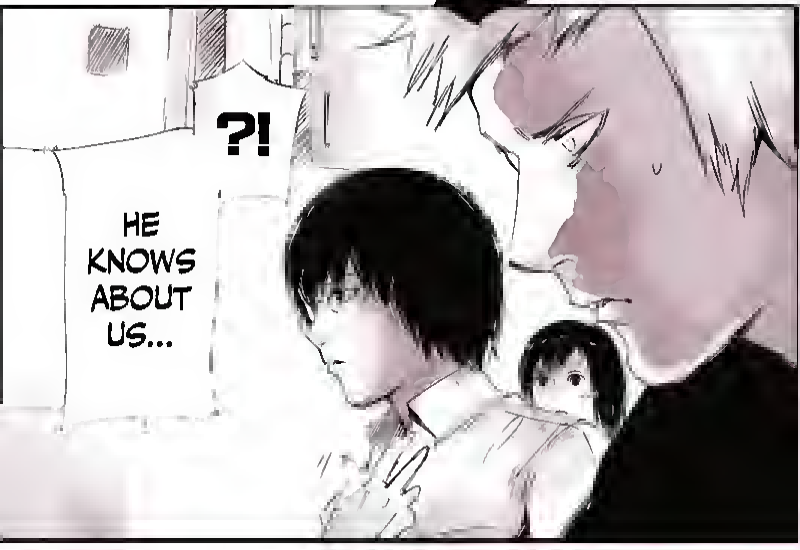

TWO STUDENTS ...
I SEE. SO IT'S YOU TWO...
... THAT'VE BEEN HUNTING DOWN GHOULS.

#005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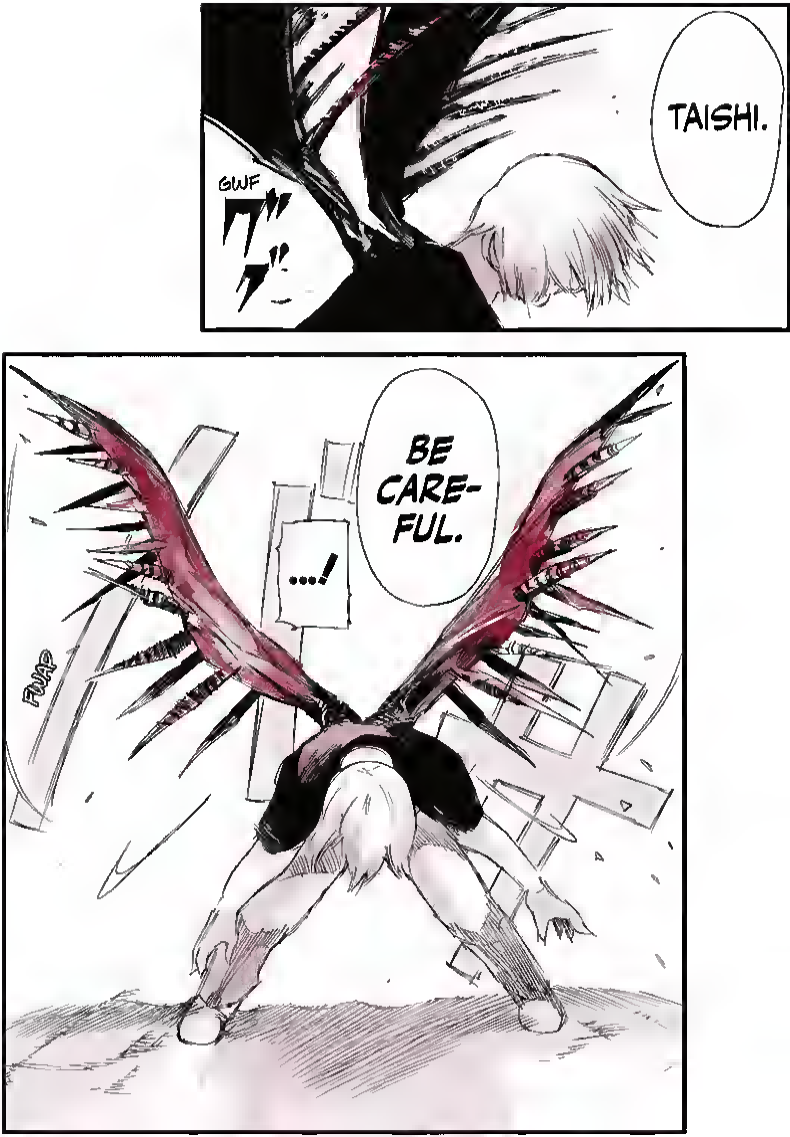
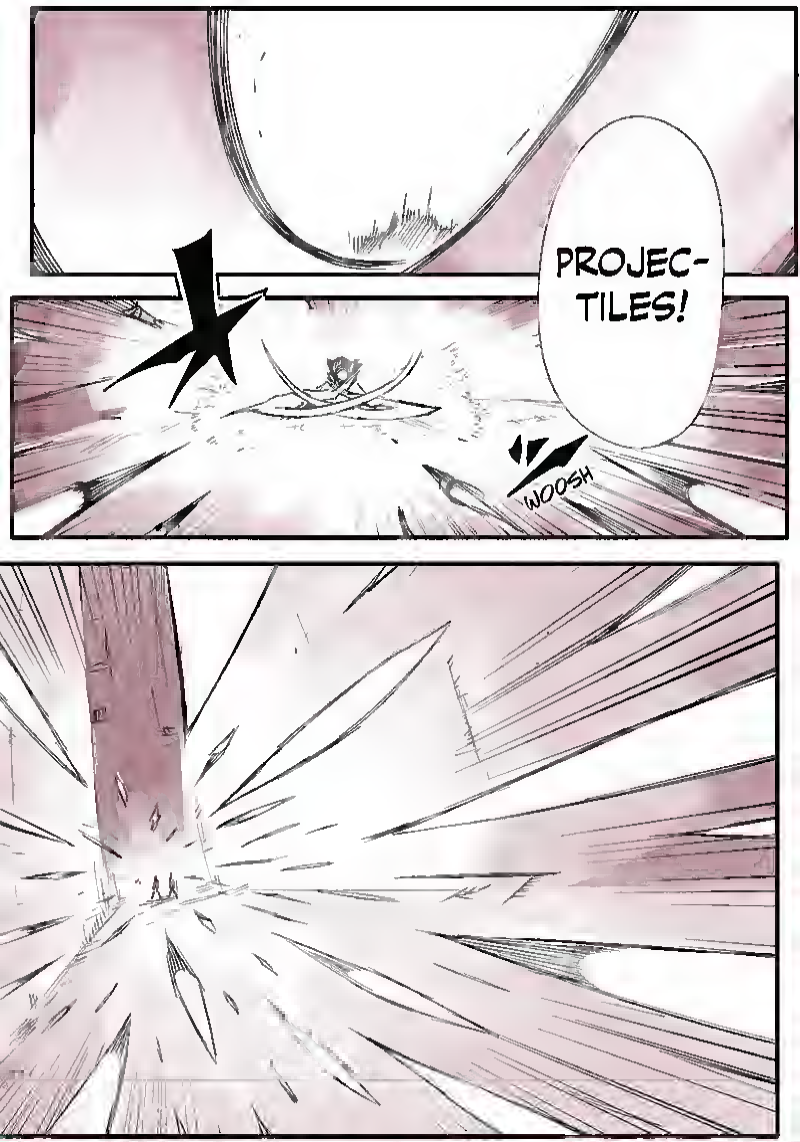
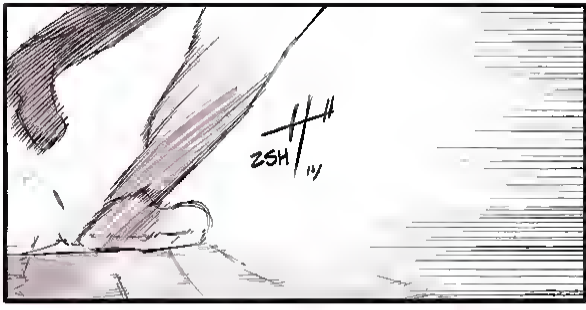
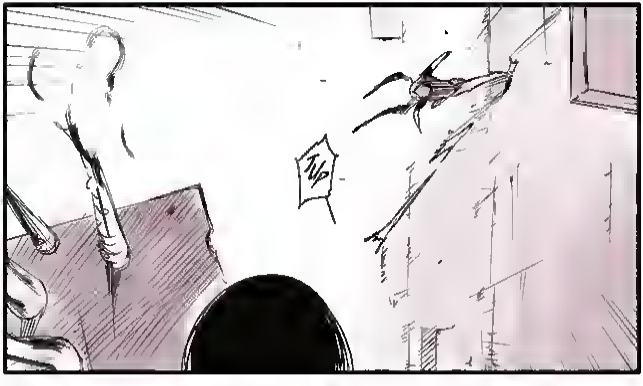
HE KNOWS ABOUT US...

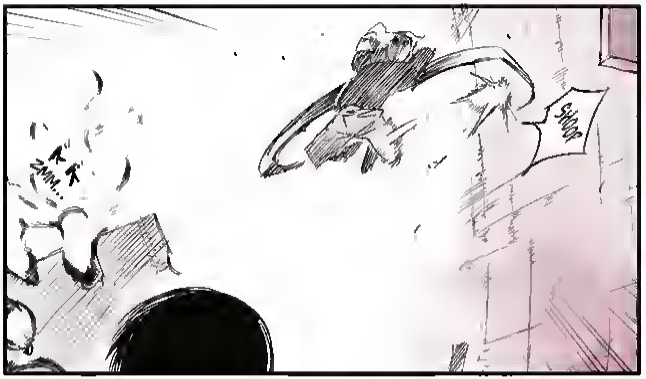

TAISHI.
GWF
BE CARE-FUL.
...!
FWAP

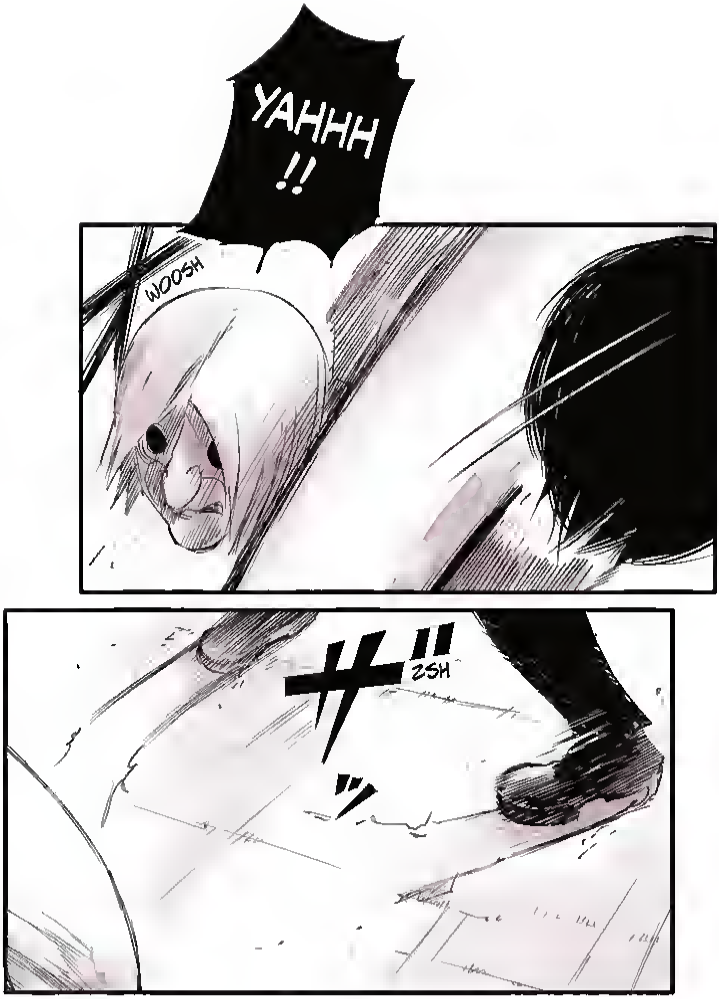

PROJEC-
TILES!
WOOSH

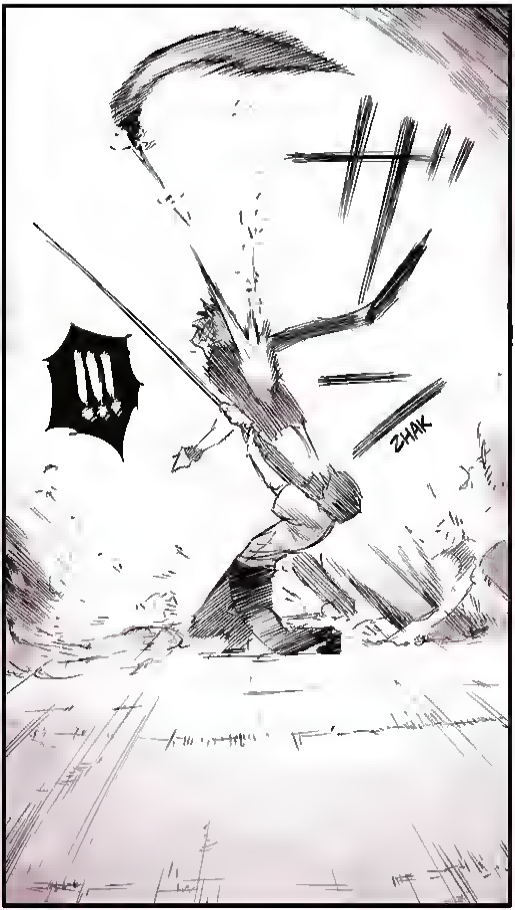
CHAK
WHP
WHP
WHP

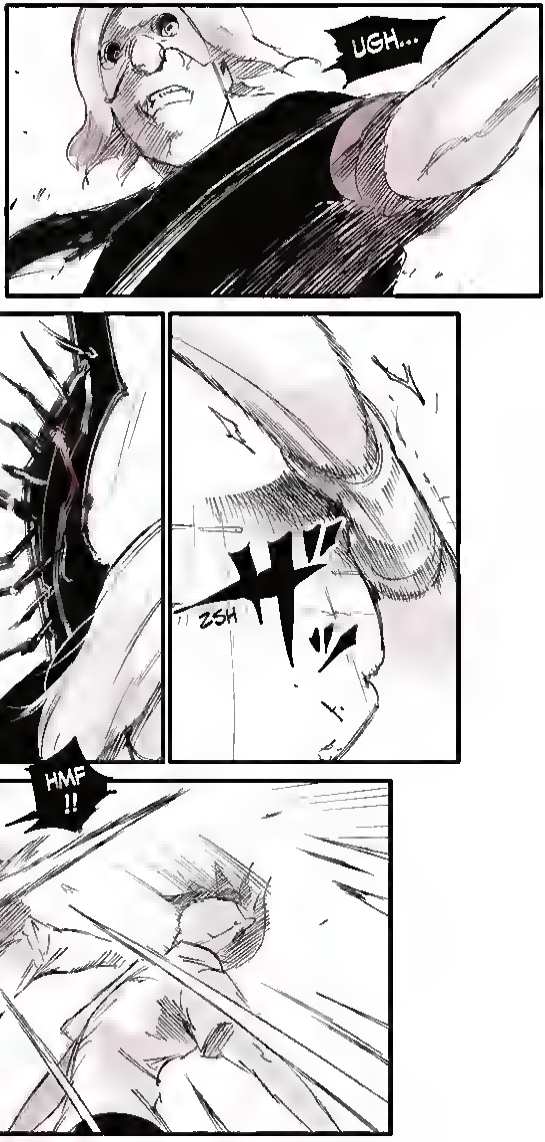

ZSH




SWOOSH
ZWAAA...


YAHHH !!
WOOSH
ZSH


ZHAK

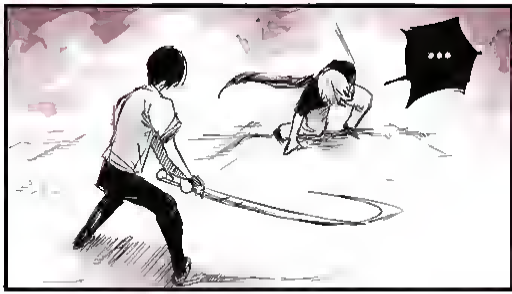

UGH...
GNM
ZSH
HMF
!!
VNM

ZSH
CHK
WHO IS THIS KID...?
HIS PHYSICAL ABILITIES ARE INCRED-IBLE...
TMP

EAT...

...
THIS
!!!
ブーン
VUUUM

GKLNK
CRK
...!!
KLUK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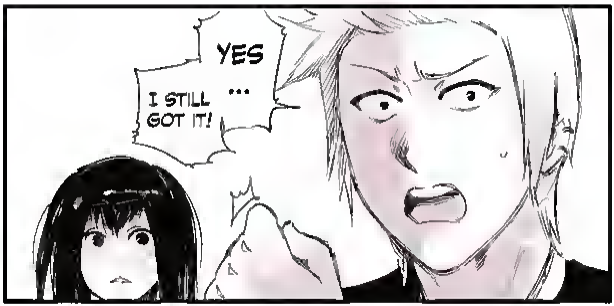
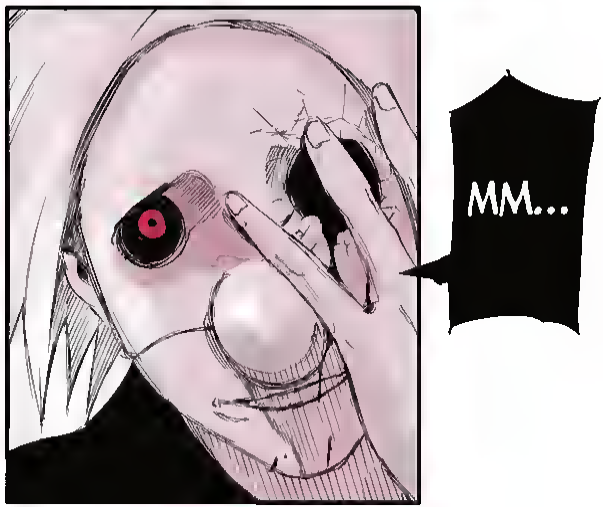
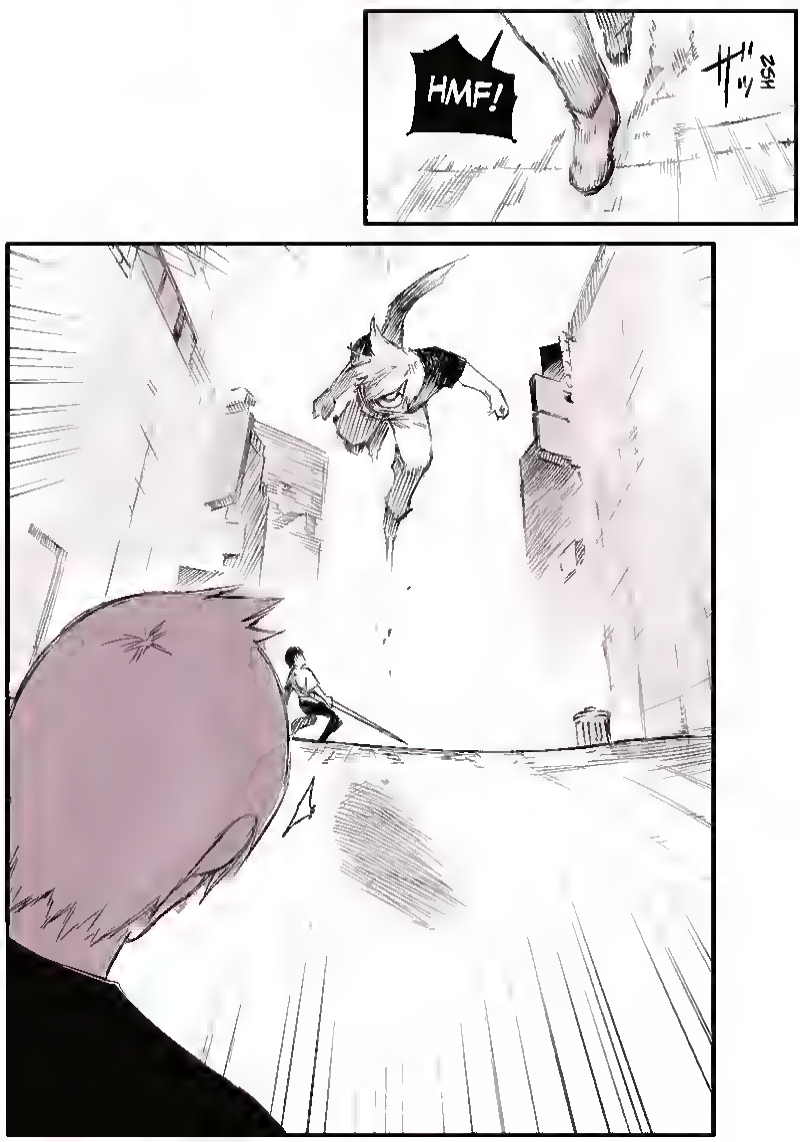

YES
...
I STILL GOT IT!


MM...


HMF!
HSZ

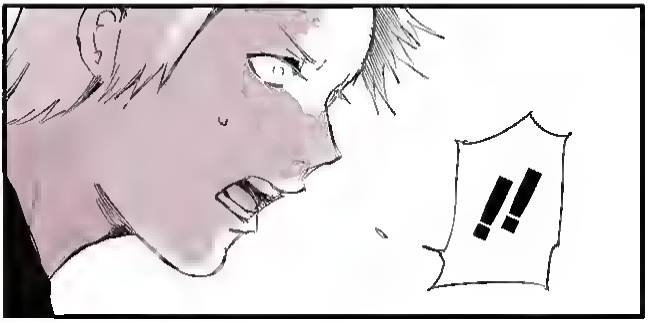
GET BACK, MINAMI !!
GAK

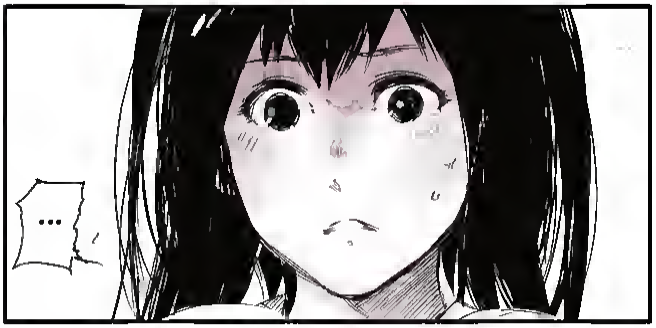
VWSH
WHFF
...!!

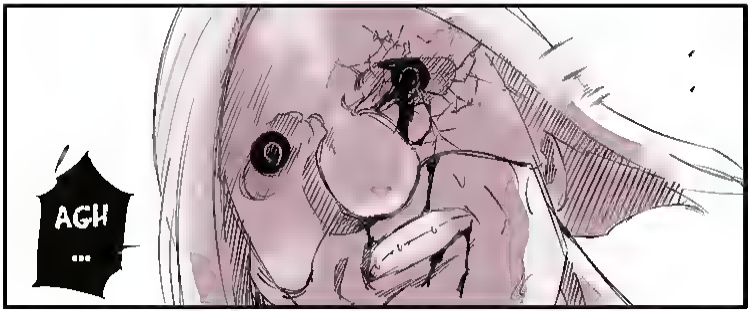
!!
FWM
WHAT ...?
GASP ...
I DON'T GIVE A CRAP ABOUT YOU GUYS...

...I CAN EAT HER.
AS LONG AS...
GIVE ME...
YOUR HAIR.

ZHK

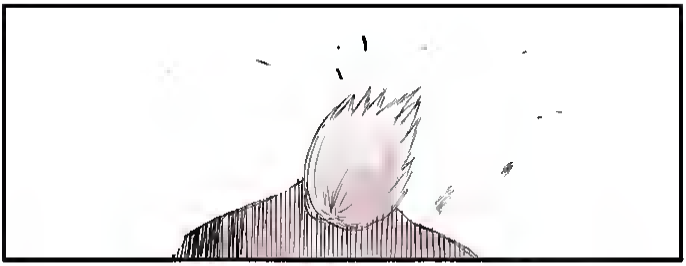





AGH
...

YEAH.

YOU WERE ...
...KIND OF STRONG, BUT NOT VERY.



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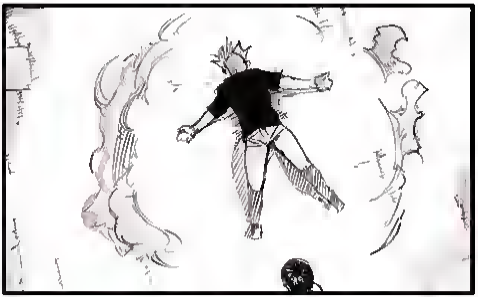
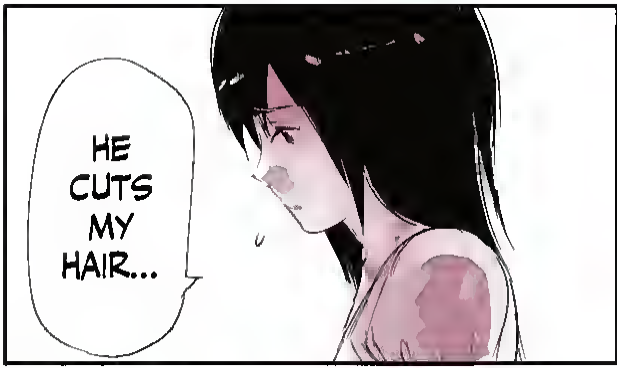
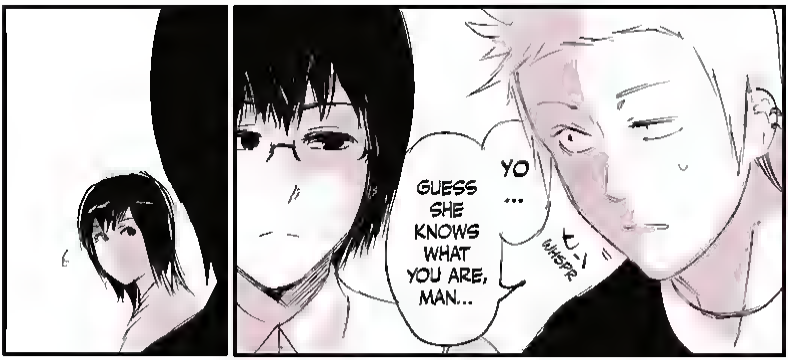
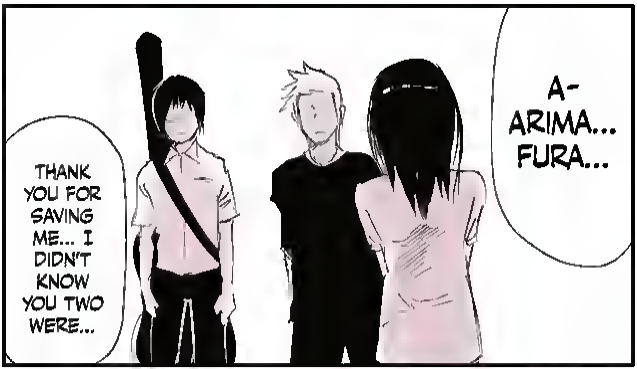
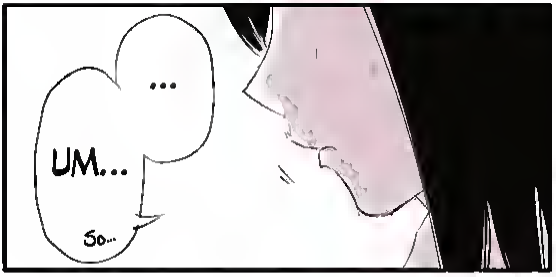


THAT WAS PRETTY CLOSE...
... AFTER OUR CLASS-MATE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS GHOUL WAS...
I-I'M JUST GLAD YOU WERE ALL RIGHT, MINAMI...
...
KATO...

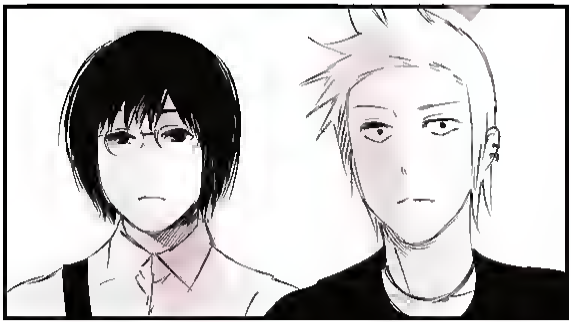

HE CUTS MY HAIR...


YO ...
GUESS SHE KNOWS WHAT YOU ARE, MAN...
WHISPR


A-ARIMA... FURA...
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME... I DIDN'T KNOW YOU TWO WERE...


I SHOULD KEEP QUIET ABOUT THIS, RIGHT?
DON'T WORRY.
I WON'T TELL ANY-BODY.
WE APPRE-CIATE THAT.
...
UM...
So...

C...
CAN I HELP TOO ...?!



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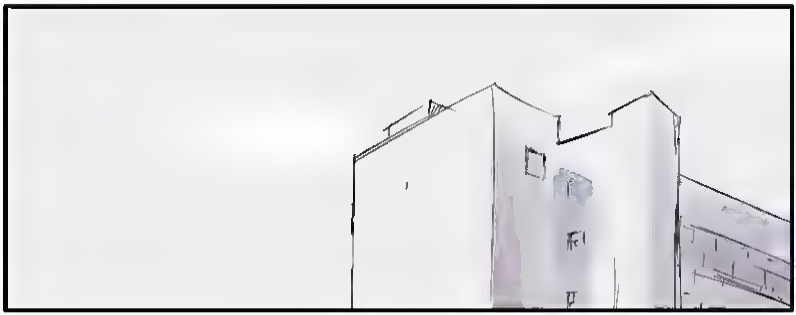
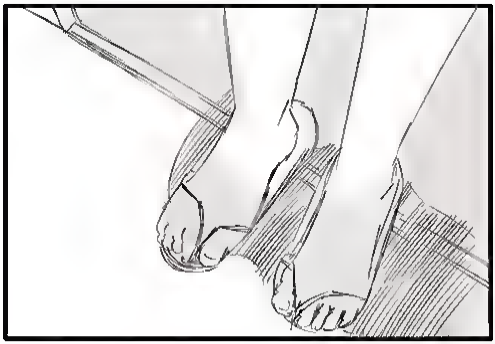
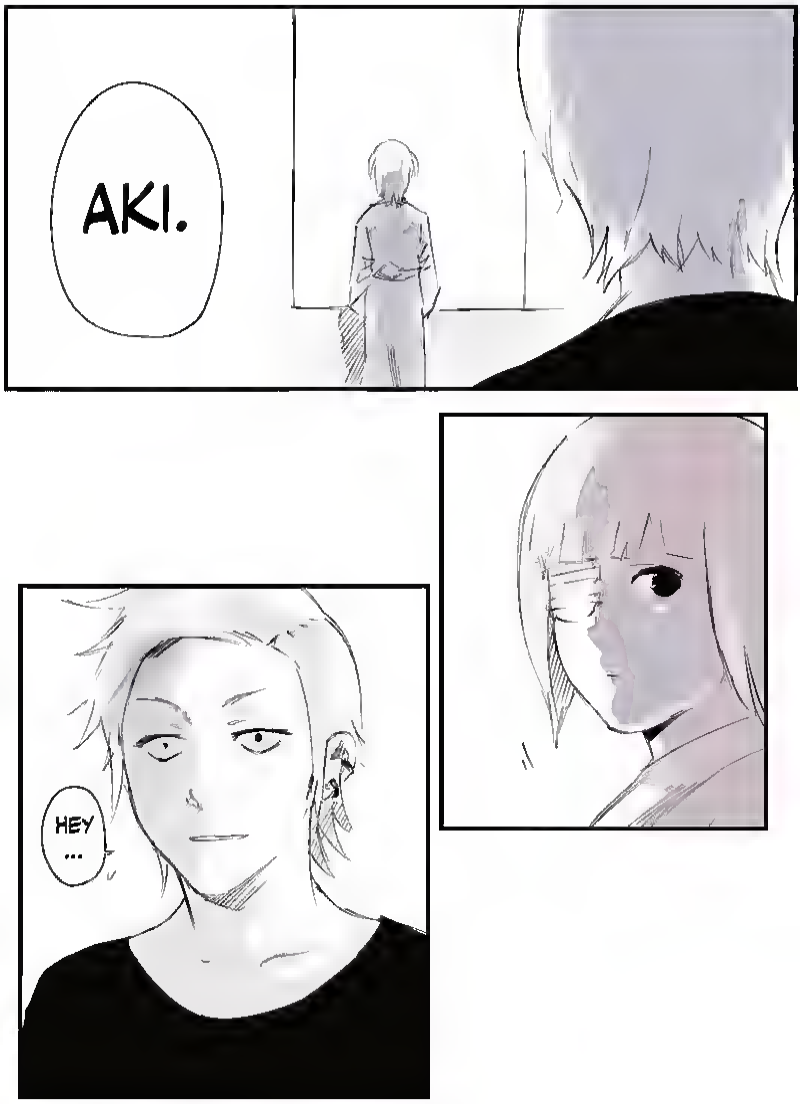
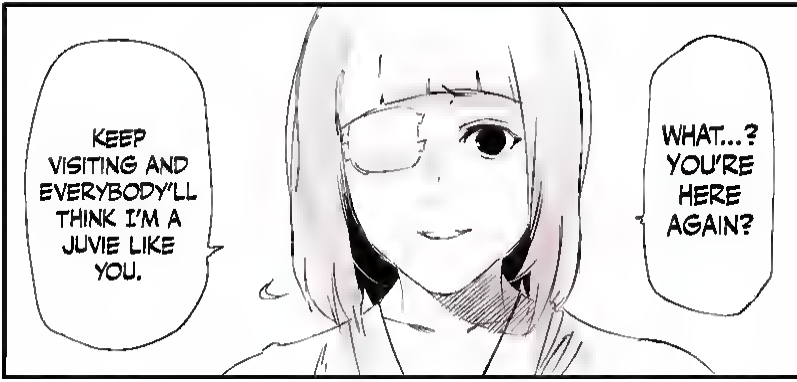
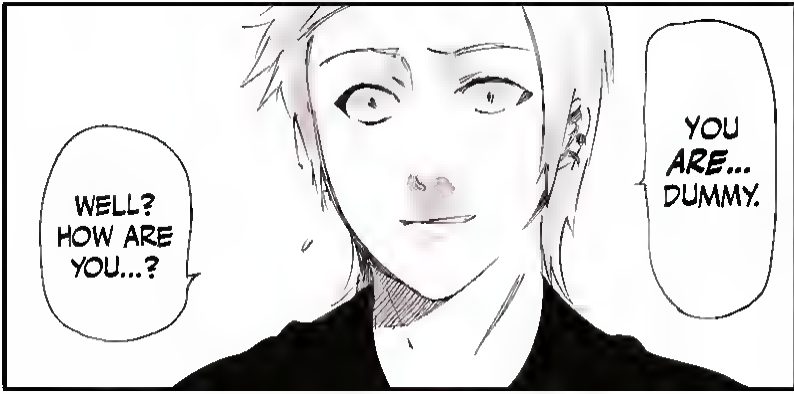




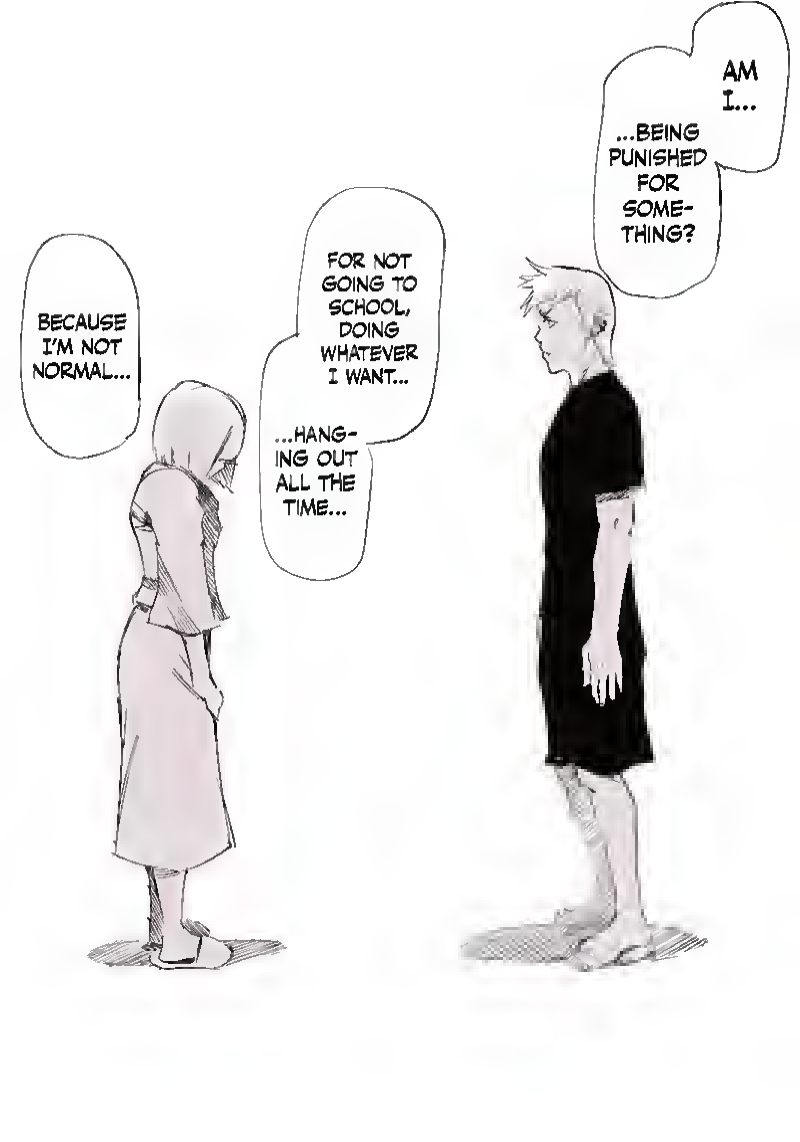

AKI.
HEY
...

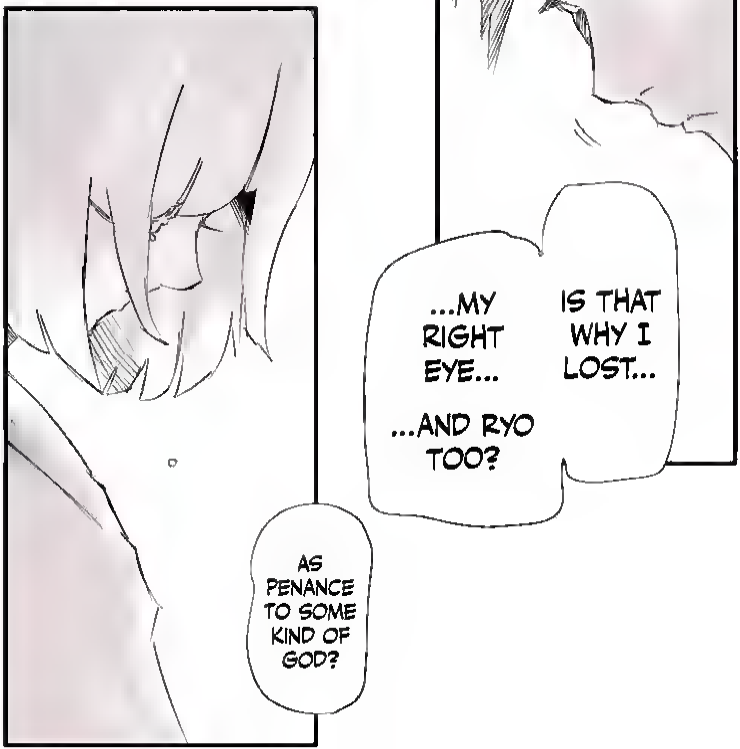

KEEP VISITING AND EVERYBODY'LL THINK I'M A JUVIE LIKE YOU.
WHAT...? YOU'RE HERE AGAIN?

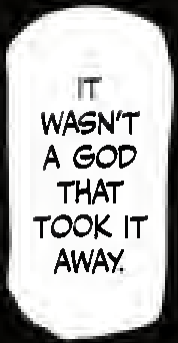

WELL? HOW ARE YOU...?
YOU *ARE*... DUMMY.

HOW AM I...?
NOT BAD, I GUESS ...
OR ARE YOU ASKING ABOUT MY EYE?
THERE'S NOTHING TO DO HERE...
...SO I LOOK OUT THE WINDOW.

BUT...
...I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING FROM MY RIGHT EYE.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHICH WAY I'M LOOKING.


AM I...
...BEING PUNISHED FOR SOME-THING?
FOR NOT GOING TO SCHOOL, DOING WHATEVER I WANT...
...HANG-ING OUT ALL THE TIME...
BECAUSE I'M NOT NORMAL...

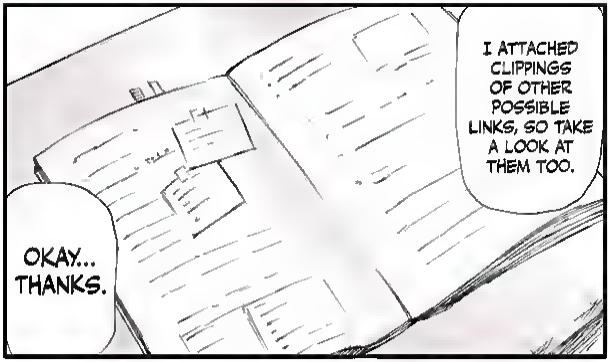

...MY RIGHT EYE...
...AND RYO TOO?
IS THAT WHY I LOST...
AS PENANCE TO SOME KIND OF GOD?

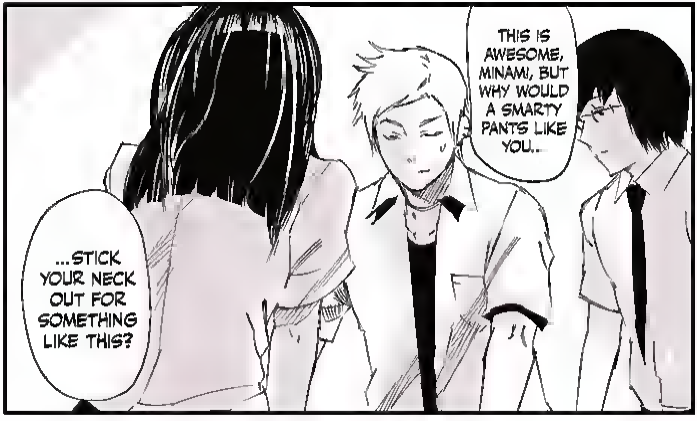

IT
WASN'T
A GOD
THAT
TOOK IT
AWAY.

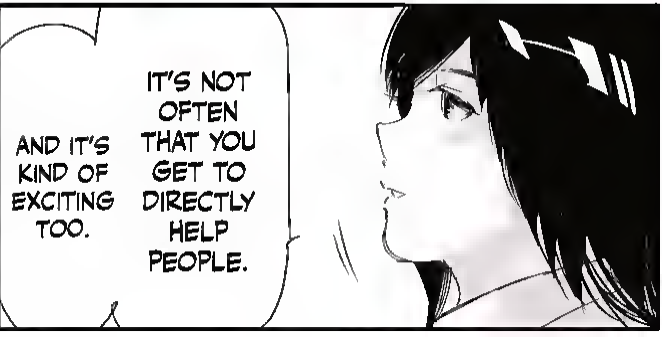
#006

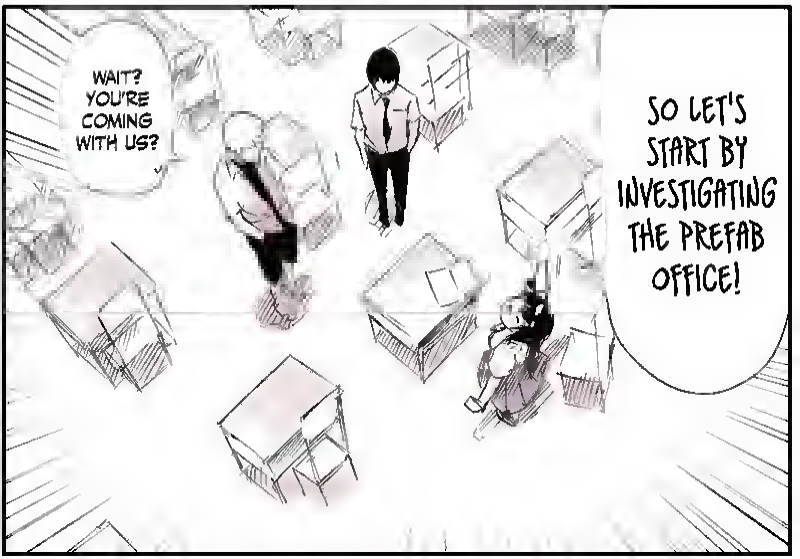
HERE'S WHAT I FOUND.
AFTER QUES-TIONING THE STUDENTS ...
...I DISCOVERED A NUMBER OF RUMORS THAT MIGHT BE RELATED TO GHOULS.

DAMN ...
I MADE A LIST OF ALL OF THEM.
THE ONE ABOUT WITNESSING SOMEBODY SUSPICIOUS ...
...IN A PREFAB OFFICE SHACK IN A CONSTRUCTION SITE SEEMS THE MOST CREDIBLE.
NO WONDER SHE'S OUR CLASS REP.
I LOOKED INTO IT, AND THERE WERE REPORTS OF A LOT OF HUMAN BONES FOUND AROUND THE SAME AREA.
DOES THAT MEAN THEY DON'T EAT THE BONES...?


I ATTACHED CLIPPINGS OF OTHER POSSIBLE LINKS, SO TAKE A LOOK AT THEM TOO.
OKAY... THANKS.


THIS IS AWESOME, MINAMI, BUT WHY WOULD A SMARTY PANTS LIKE YOU...
...STICK YOUR NECK OUT FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS?


IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT YOU GET TO DIRECTLY HELP PEOPLE.
AND IT'S KIND OF EXCITING TOO.

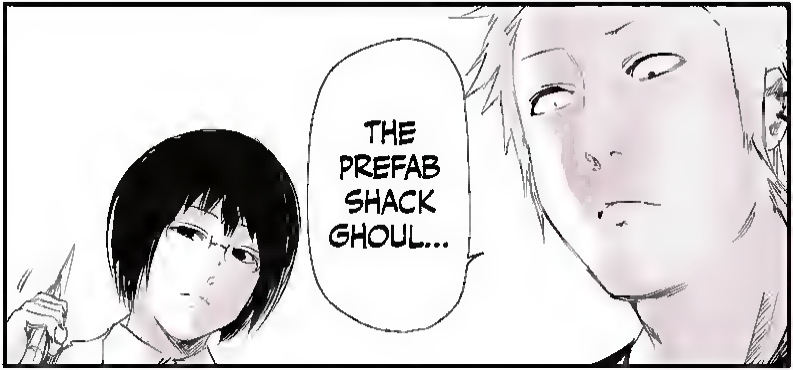

WAIT? YOU'RE COMING WITH US?
SO LET'S START BY INVESTIGATING THE PREFAB OFFICE!

TAISHI AND I WILL TAKE IT FROM HERE, SO DON'T COME WITH US.
THANK YOU FOR THE INFORMATION.

...
ARIMA... DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO BLUNT?
SO I REALLY CAN'T GO WITH YOU GUYS? I'D LIKE TO HELP IN SOME WAY...
YOU TWO SAVED MY LIFE...
NO. TAKING YOU WOULD BE TOO RISKY.

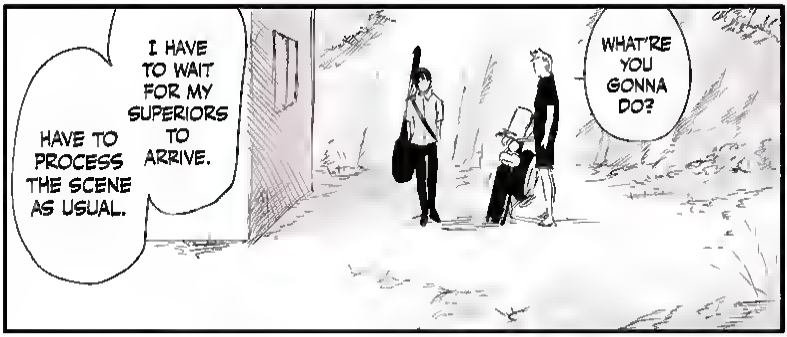
OKAY
...
...
I WANNA HELP.
BUT LET ME KNOW IF ANYTHING COMES UP.

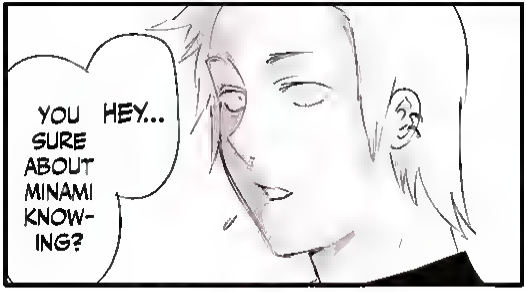
MINAMI'S INFO WAS RIGHT.


THE PREFAB SHACK GHOUL...

I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WERE SO MANY GHOULS...
THEY'RE HIDING, BUT THEY DO EXIST.
PLUS THE NUMBER OF GHOULS IS ESPECIALLY HIGH HERE IN THE 13TH WARD.

SO YOU WERE SOLD OUT...
...?

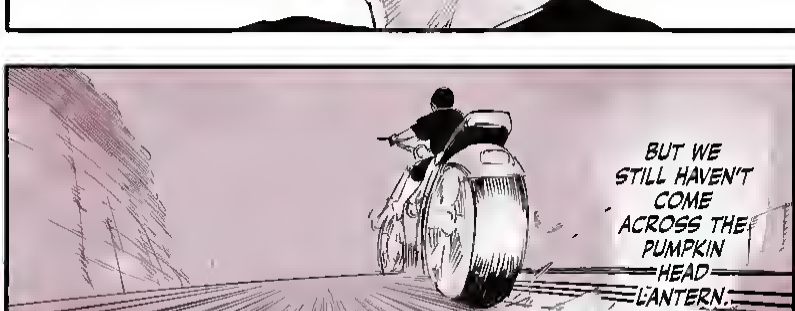

WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO?
I HAVE TO WAIT FOR MY SUPERIORS TO ARRIVE.
HAVE TO PROCESS THE SCENE AS USUAL.


HEY...
YOU SURE ABOUT MINAMI KNOW-ING?

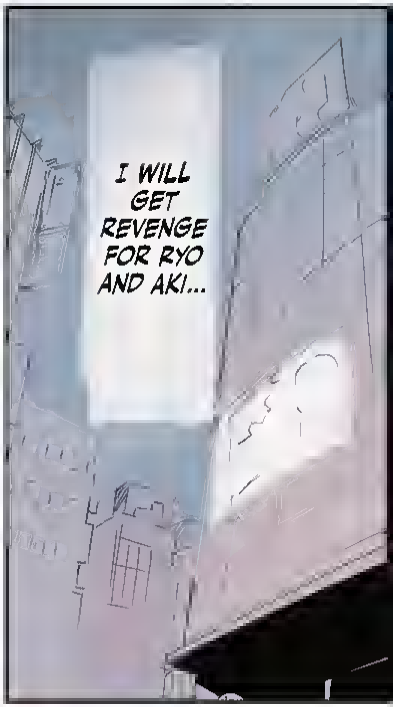
ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DOING...
SURE.

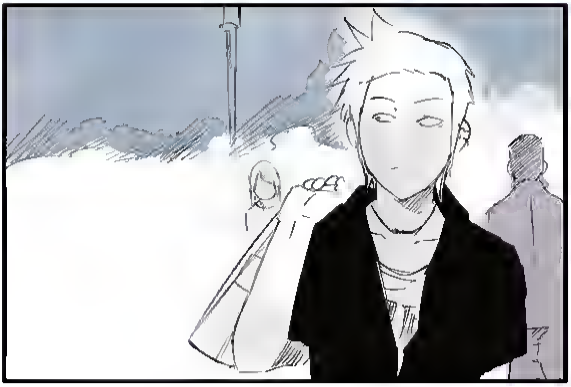
IT'S OKAY IF SHE KNOWS ...
...?

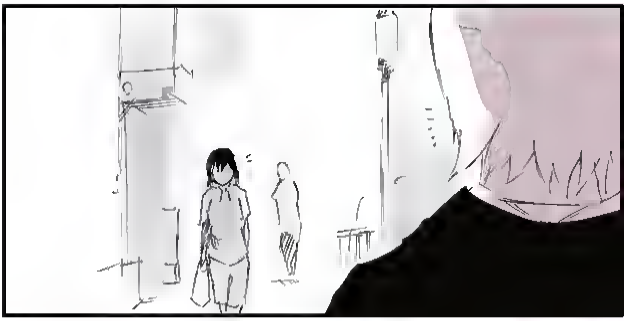
ME AND ARIMA, WE'VE ALREADY...
...HUNTED DOWN TEN GHOULS.

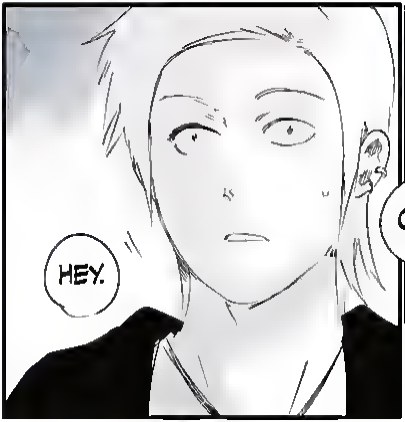

BUT WE STILL HAVEN'T COME ACROSS THE PUMPKIN HEAD LANTERN.

I WANNA SMACK THAT GUY AS SOON AS I CAN...


I WILL GET REVENGE FOR RYO AND AKI...



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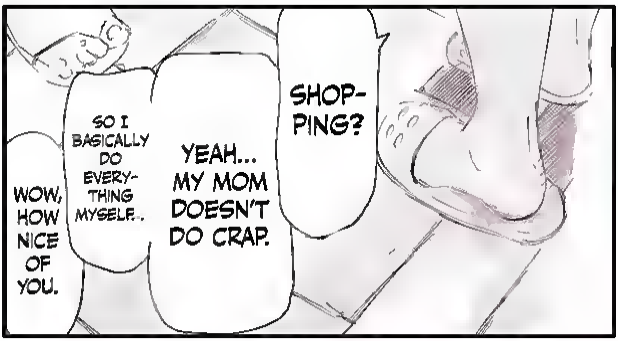
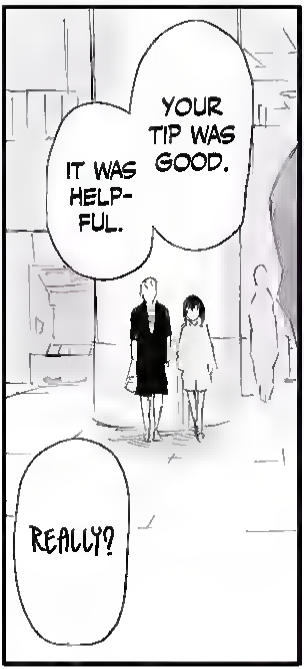
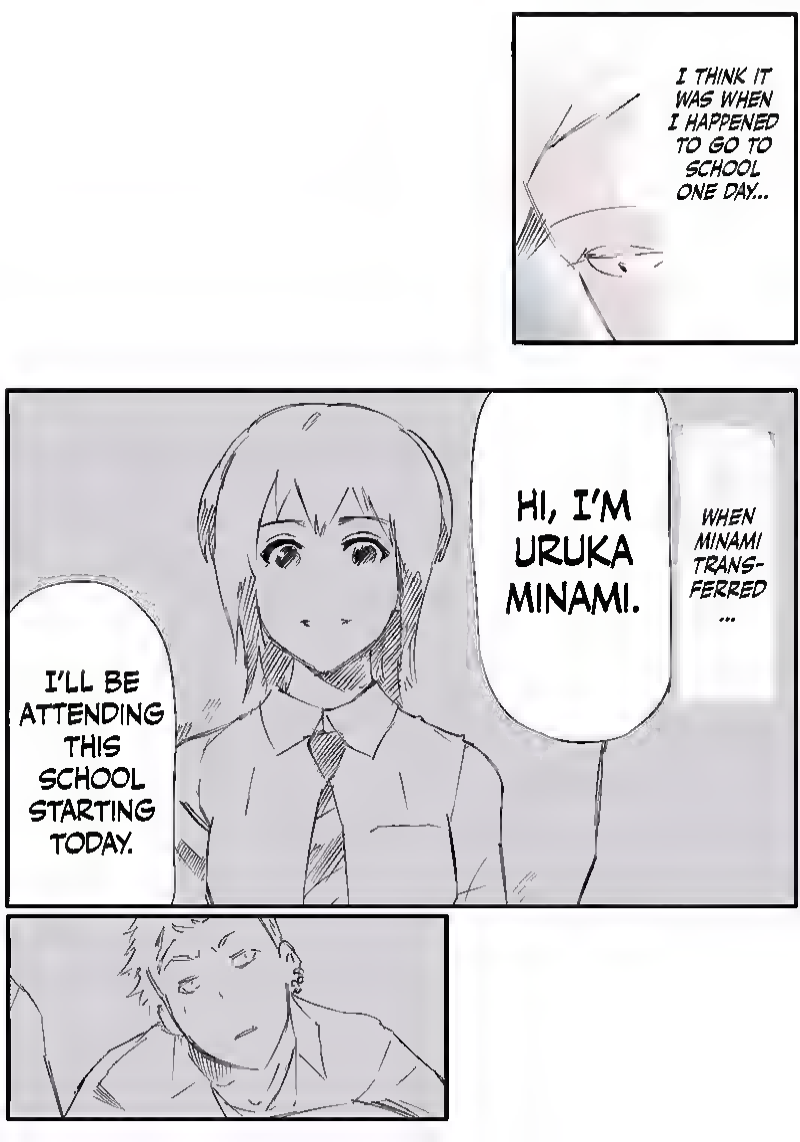
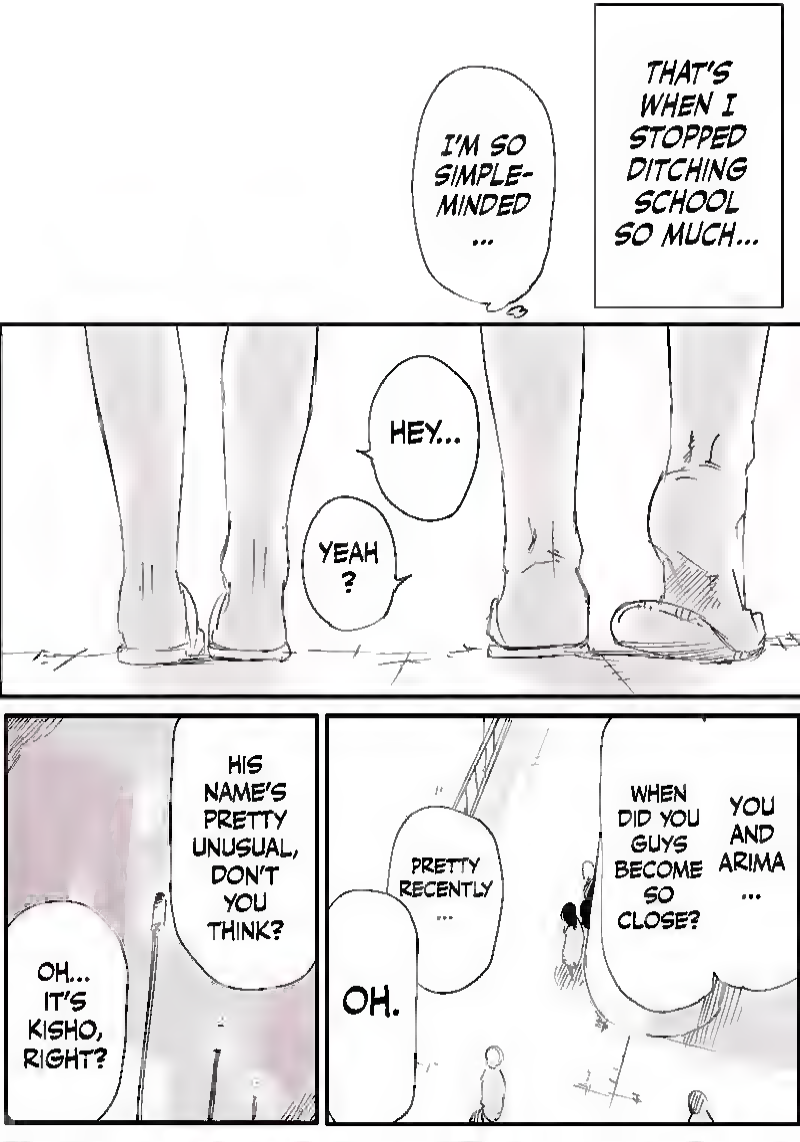
OH.

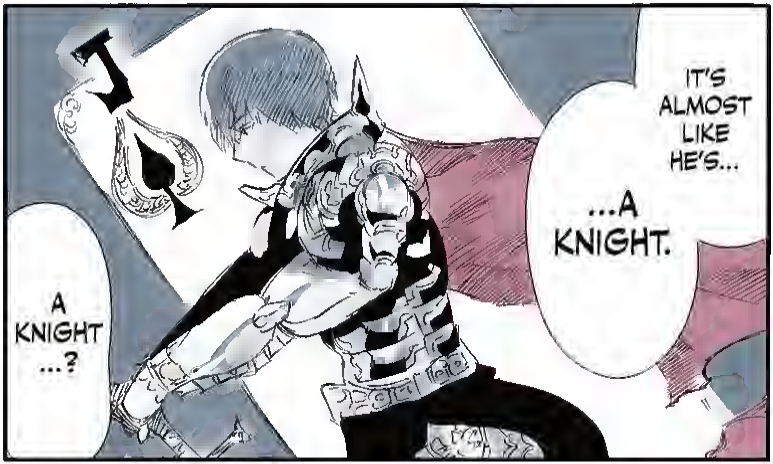

WOW, HOW NICE OF YOU.
SO I BASICALLY DO EVERY-THING MYSELF..
YEAH... MY MOM DOESN'T DO CRAP.
SHOP-PING?


YOUR TIP WAS GOOD.
IT WAS HELP-FUL.
REALLY?

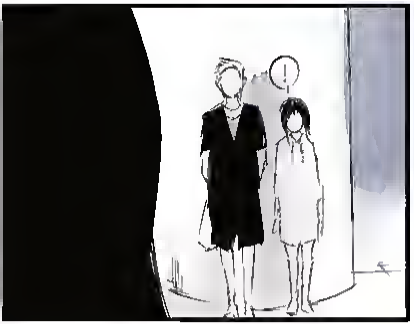
I'M GLAD I COULD HELP.

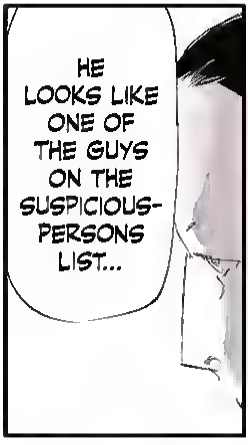

I THINK IT WAS WHEN I HAPPENED TO GO TO SCHOOL ONE DAY..
WHEN MINAMI TRANS-FERRED ...
HI, I'M URUKA MINAMI.
I'LL BE ATTENDING THIS SCHOOL STARTING TODAY.

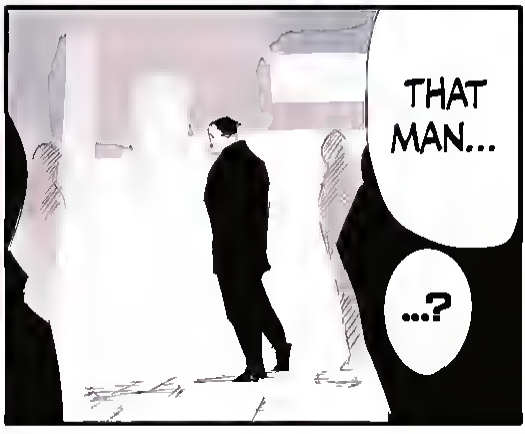

THAT'S WHEN I STOPPED DITCHING SCHOOL SO MUCH...
I'M SO SIMPLE-MINDED ...
HEY...
YEAH ?
HIS NAME'S PRETTY UNUSUAL, DON'T YOU THINK?
OH... IT'S KISHO, RIGHT?
YOU AND ARIMA ...
WHEN DID YOU GUYS BECOME SO CLOSE?
PRETTY RECENTLY ...
OH.



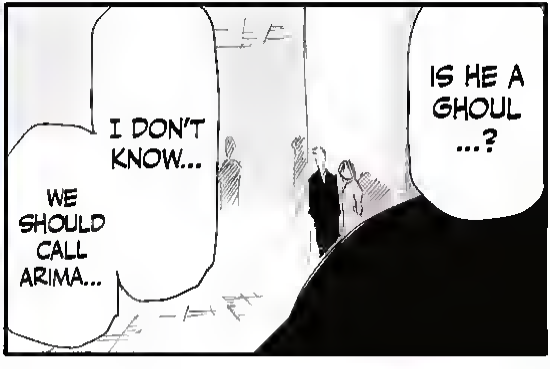
The characters for Kisho Arima's name can be interpreted as 'noble leader with/on a horse'



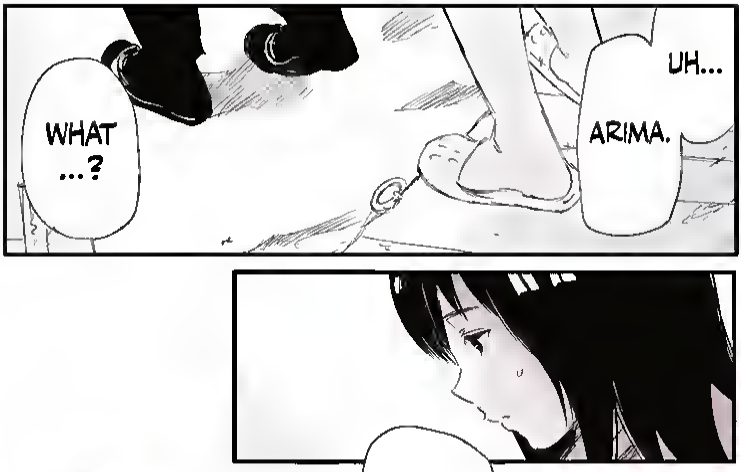

HE LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THE GUYS ON THE SUSPICIOUS-PERSONS LIST...


THAT MAN...
...?

R-RIGHT ...


WE SHOULD CALL ARIMA...
I DON'T KNOW...
IS HE A GHOUL ...?

HE ENTERED HERE?
YEAH.
TAISHI, I NEED YOU OVER THERE.
I NEED YOU TO STAY CLOSE TO ME, MINAMI.
O-OKAY ...


UH...
ARIMA.
WHAT ...?

THANKS FOR THE OTHER NIGHT...
YOU'RE REALLY SOME-THING...

HOW YOU KEEP MOVING FORWARD TOWARD YOUR GOALS.
HOW YOU'RE SO HONEST.
I THINK IT'S REALLY GREAT...
ARIMA ...
...
SO...

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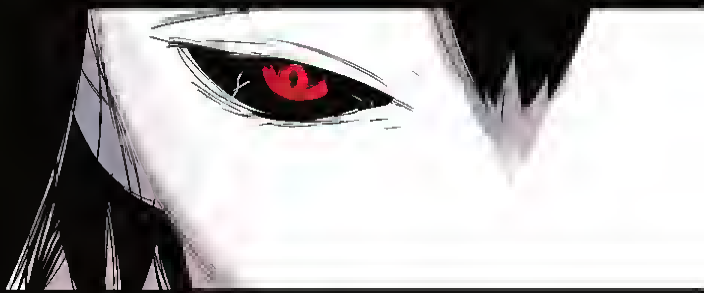

COULD YOU DIE?

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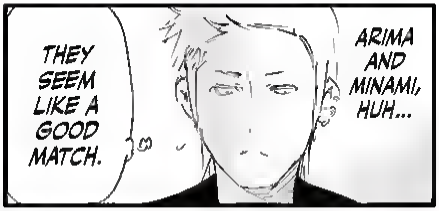
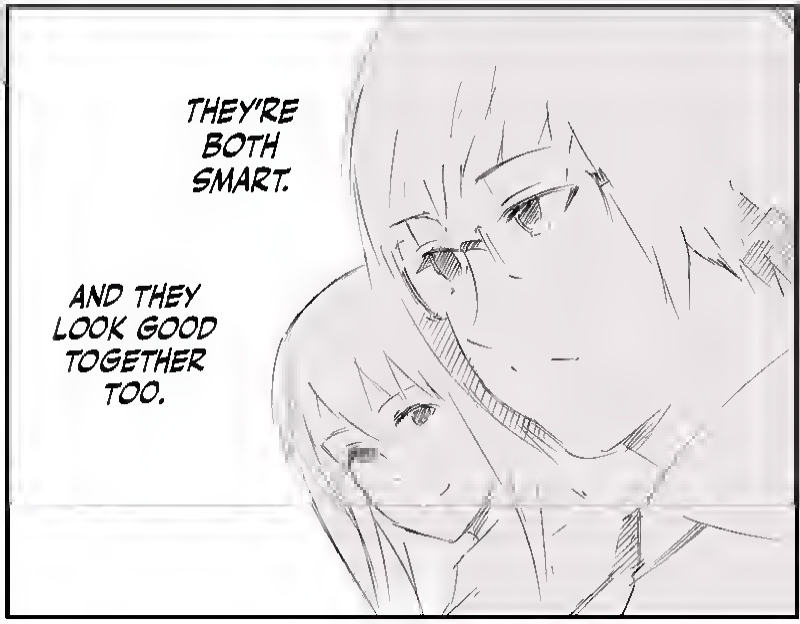
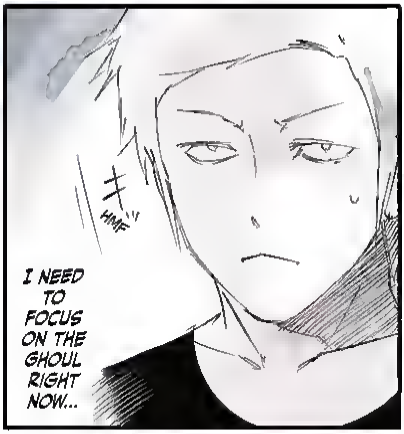
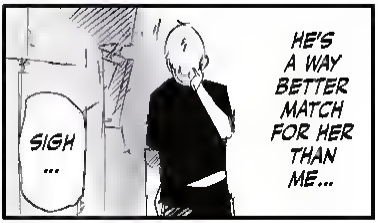

THEY SEEM LIKE A GOOD MATCH.
ARIMA AND MINAMI, HUH...

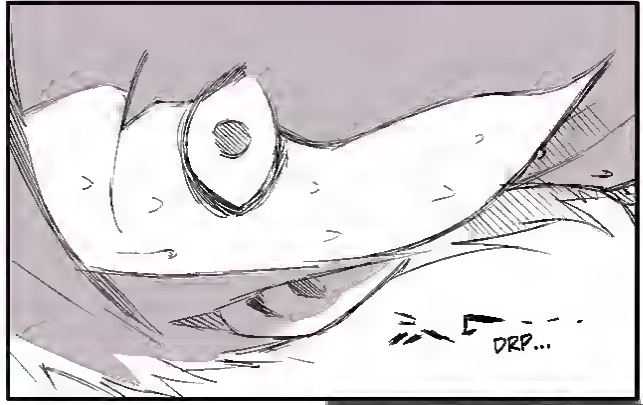

THEY'RE BOTH SMART.
AND THEY LOOK GOOD TOGETHER TOO.





IT AIN'T LIKE ME...

WHY AM I EVEN BROODING OVER IT...?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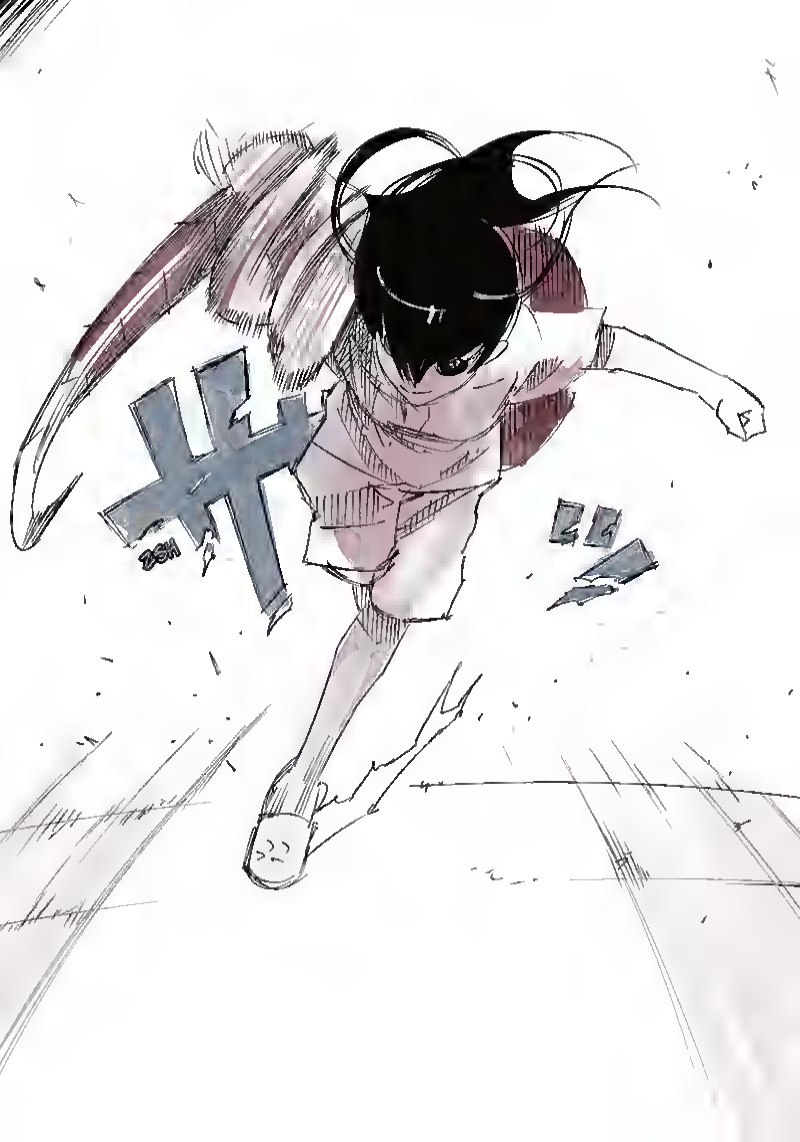
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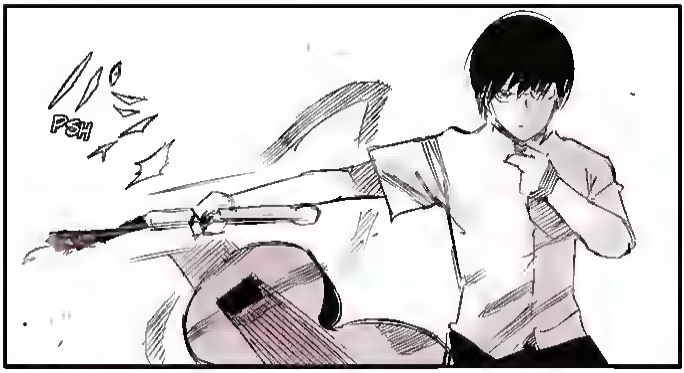
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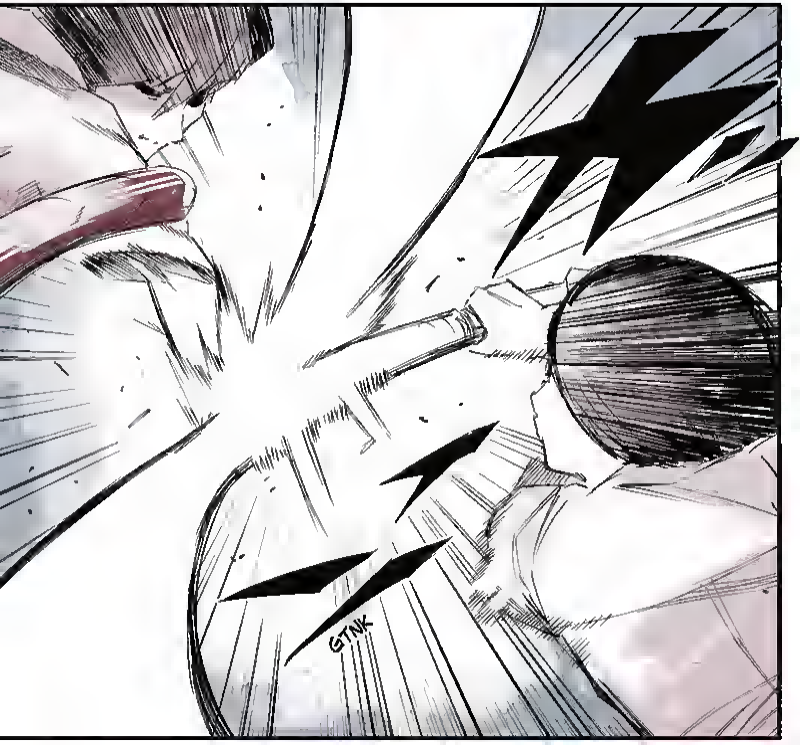
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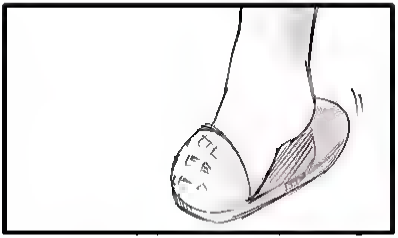

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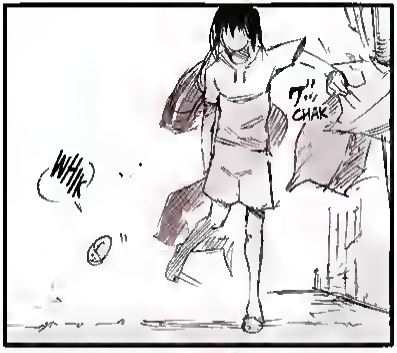
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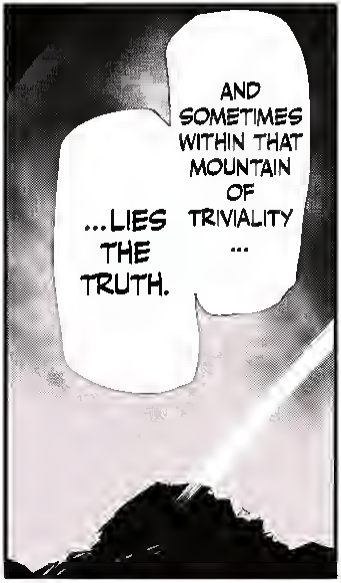
HEY, ARIMA?
DID YOU KNOW I WAS GHOUL?
...
SIZE 22.
...?

A LOAFER WAS FOUND NEAR THE PREDATION SCENE IN THE HOTEL DISTRICT.
LOAFERS DESIGNATED BY OUR SCHOOL.
YOU'RE THE ONLY TRANSFER STUDENT ...
...AT OUR SCHOOL WHO WEARS SIZE 22.
YOU SUSPECTED ME OVER SOMETHING THAT INSIGNIFICANT...?


AND SOMETIMES WITHIN THAT MOUNTAIN OF TRIVIALITY ...
...LIES THE TRUTH.

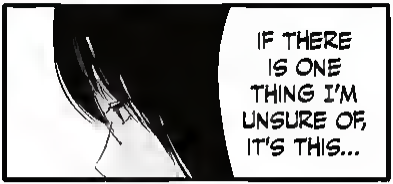
MOST EVERY-THING THAT HAPPENS IN THE WORLD ...
... COMES OUT OF A SERIES OF TRIVIAL THINGS.

YOU SACRIFICED THAT GHOUL AT THE PREFAB SHACK...
MINAMI'S INFO WAS RIGHT.
...TO SEE HOW I'D RESPOND, RIGHT?

AND I ALSO...
...SENSED YOUR MISTRUST TOWARDS ME.

I COULDN'T BELIEVE AN ORDERLY GHOUL LIKE THAT WOULD MAKE THE MISTAKE OF AROUSING SUSPICION AMONG YOUR CLASS-MATES.
YEAH, YOU'VE GOT A POINT.
Yup, yup

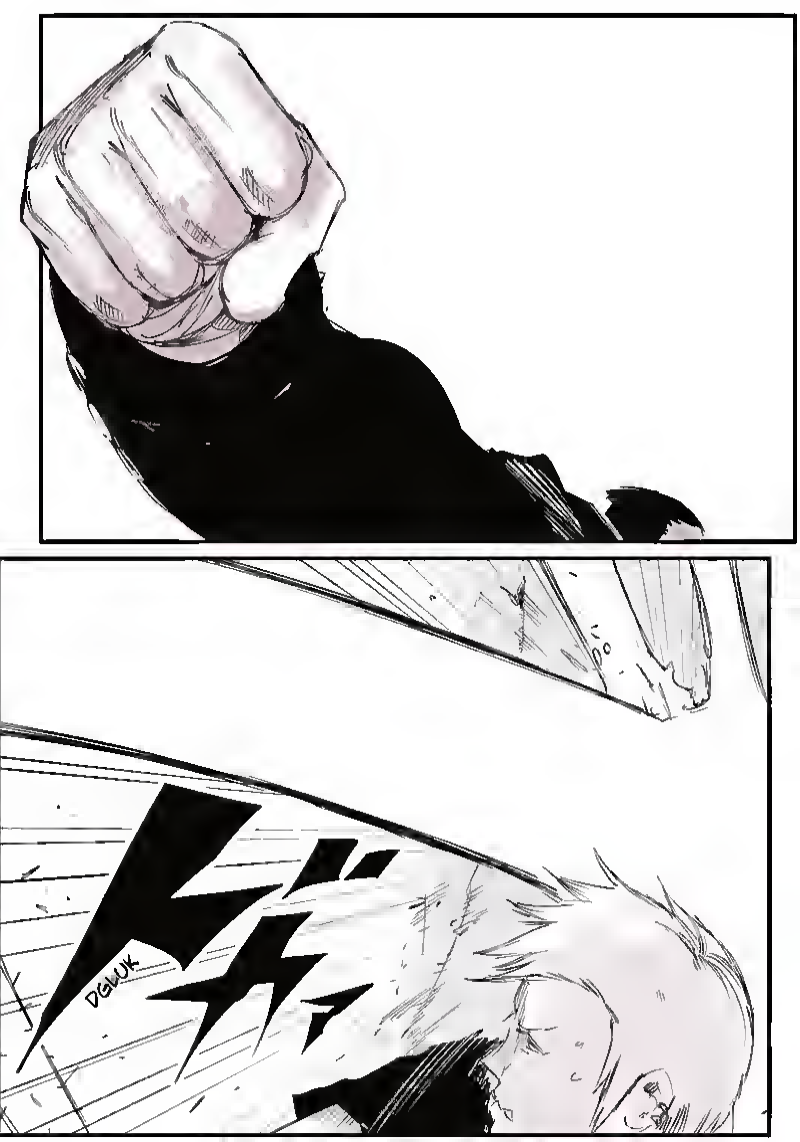
BUT ALL HIS TOOLS WERE NEATLY STORED.
HIS LIVING QUAR-TERS WERE A MESS...


IF THERE IS ONE THING I'M UNSURE OF, IT'S THIS...

OH...
DID YOU HAVE THAT HAIRSTYLIST GHOUL ATTACK YOU ON PURPOSE?

THAT GUY WAS AN IDIOT...
I THINK ALL THE HUMAN BLOOD I DOUSED MYSELF WITH...
...MADE HIM THINK I WAS SOME TASTY HUMAN.
EVEN THOUGH WE'VE SPOKEN SO MANY TIMES THROUGH MASKS.
I THOUGHT ABOUT KILLING HIM, BUT I HELD BACK BECAUSE YOU GUYS SHOWED UP.
F-FURA AND
TAISHI
ARIMA —?
Y
YOU OKAY, MINAMI ?!

I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU TOO.
AND I KNOW YOU'RE NOT TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY.
THAT'S WHY I CALLED A FRIEND TODAY.
FURA'S ...
... GONNA DIE.
HEH HEH.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HE'S FAST FOR A BIG GUY ...!!
THAT PUMPKIN... I GET CALLED...
...TO DEAL WITH THIS LITTLE PUNK?
WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?

TOP OR BOTTOM.
WHICH WAY DO YOU WANNA BE EATEN FROM?
CHOOSE.

Hah !!
THUK

SUK
YOU FLUSTERED KNOWING FURA'S IN DANGER?
AW, WHAT A GOOD FRIEND YOU ARE...

I KNICKED YOU, I KNICKED YOU.

TMP
FWSH
YOU'RE NOT...
...GOING ANY-WHERE !!
GAK
2GAK
GAK
GAK

THUMP
YOU THINK YOU'RE DOIN' ME SOME KIND OF FAVOR?
WHACK ME WITH THAT GUITAR CASE IF YOU WANT...

DON'T PATRONIZE ME.
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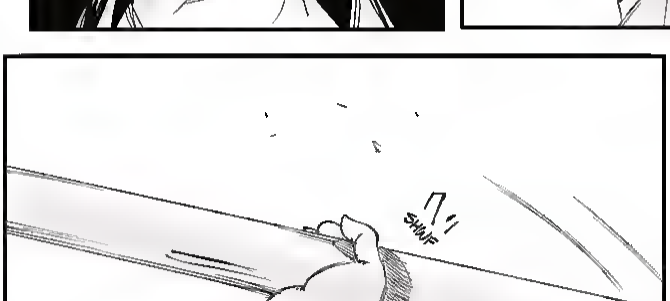
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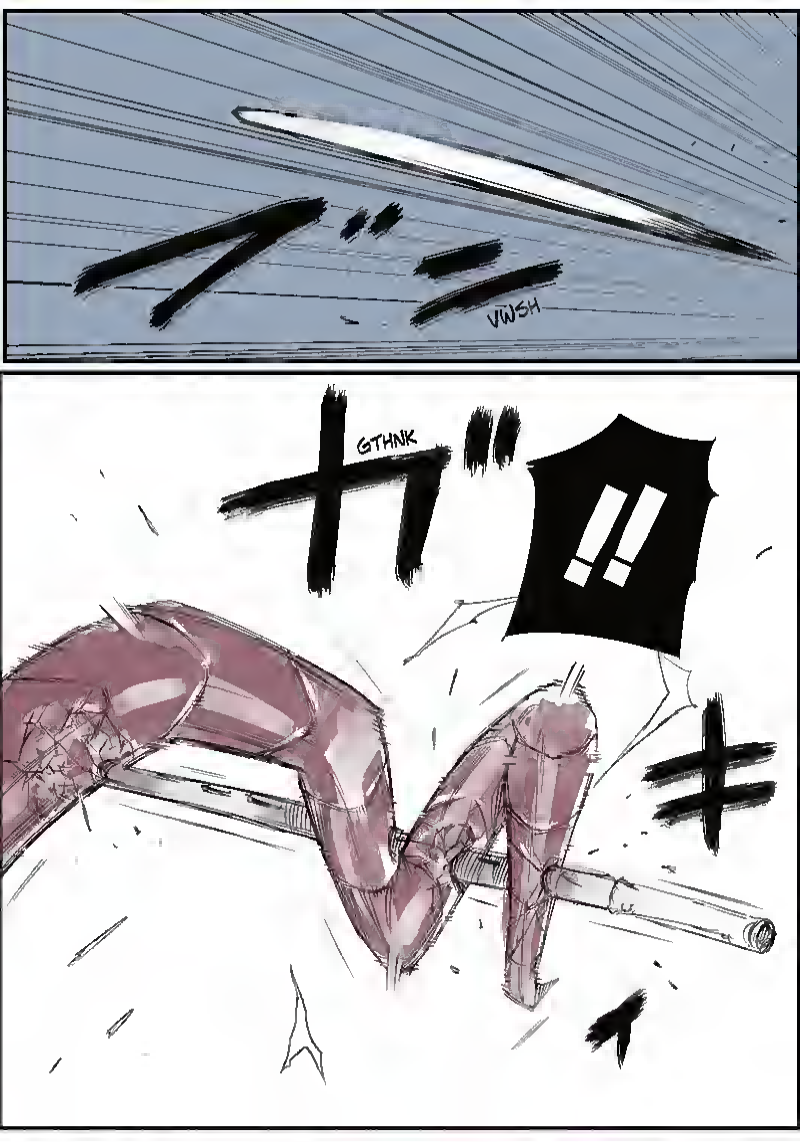
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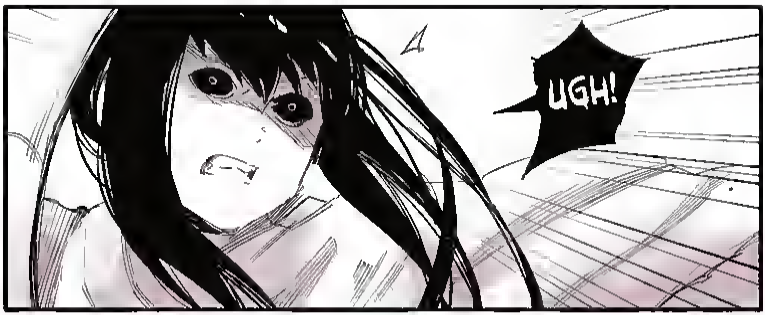
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YOU
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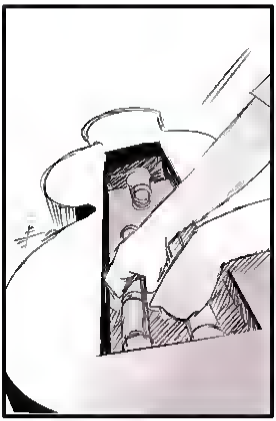

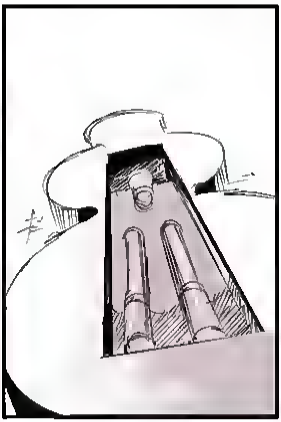

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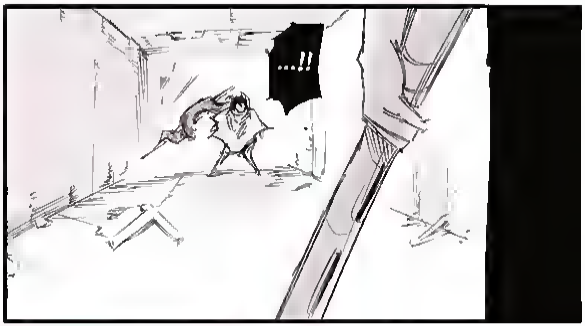
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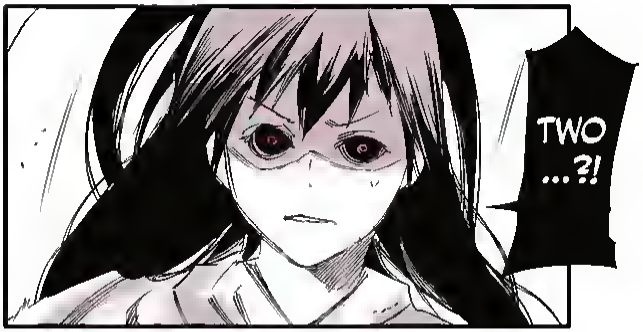
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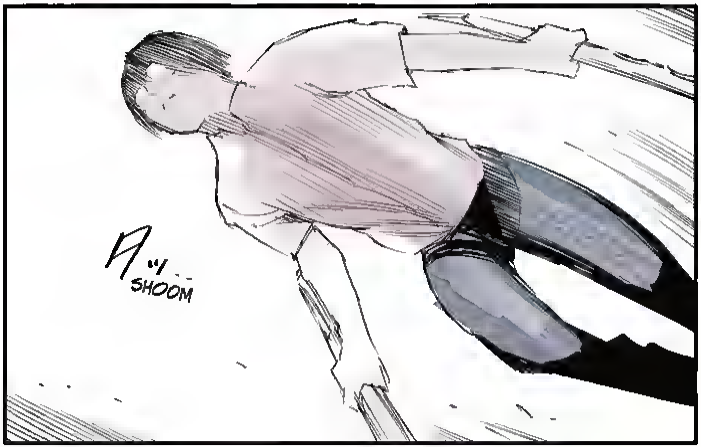
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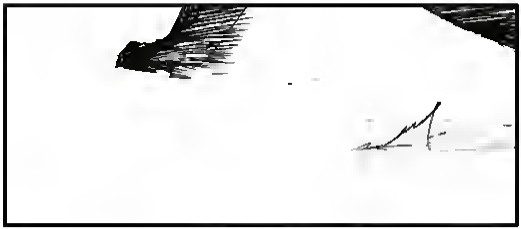

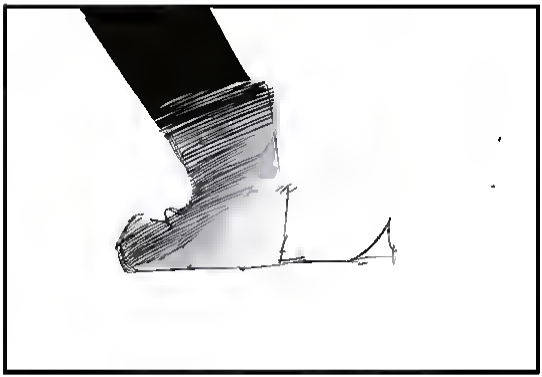

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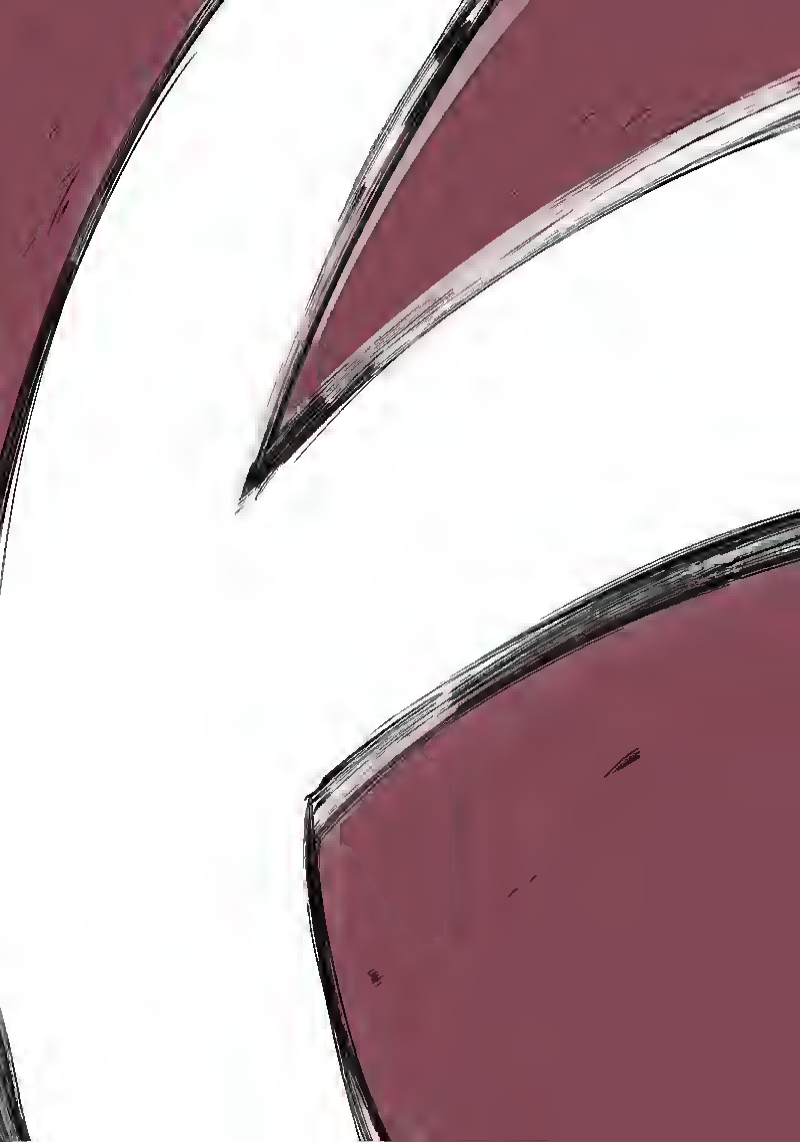

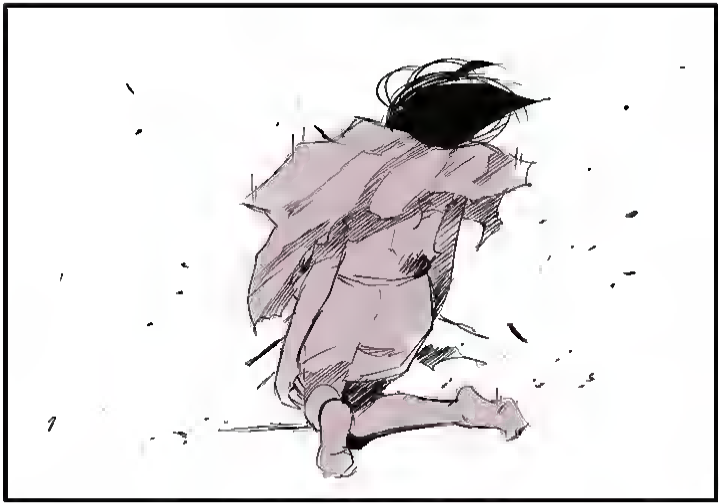

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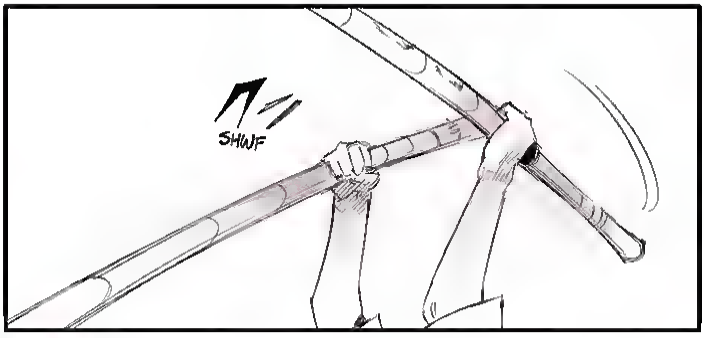
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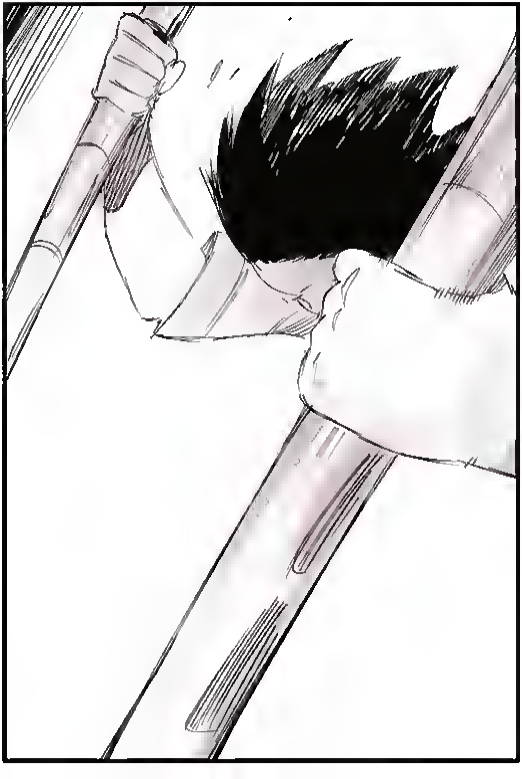

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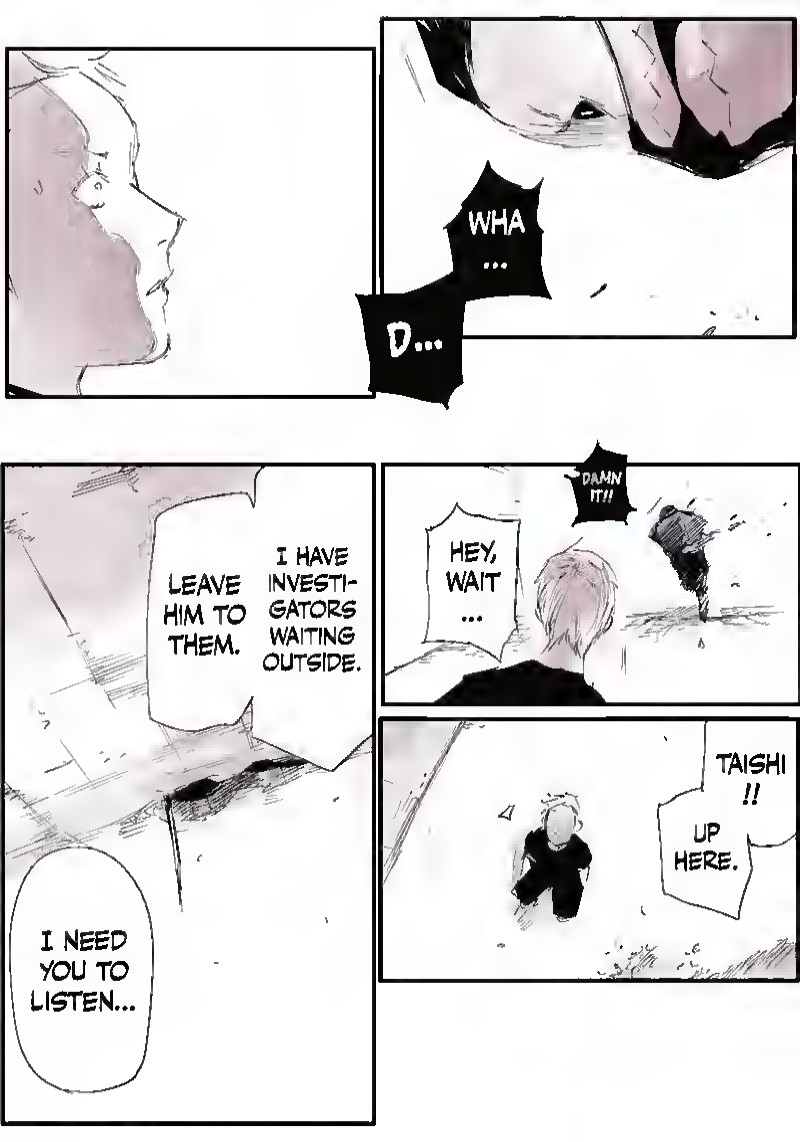
WHA ...
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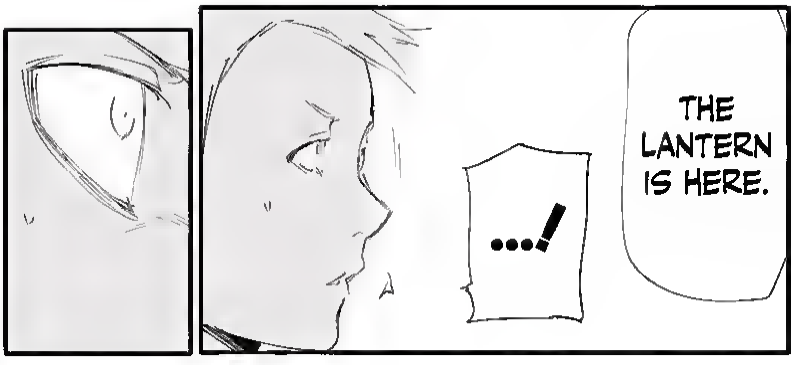
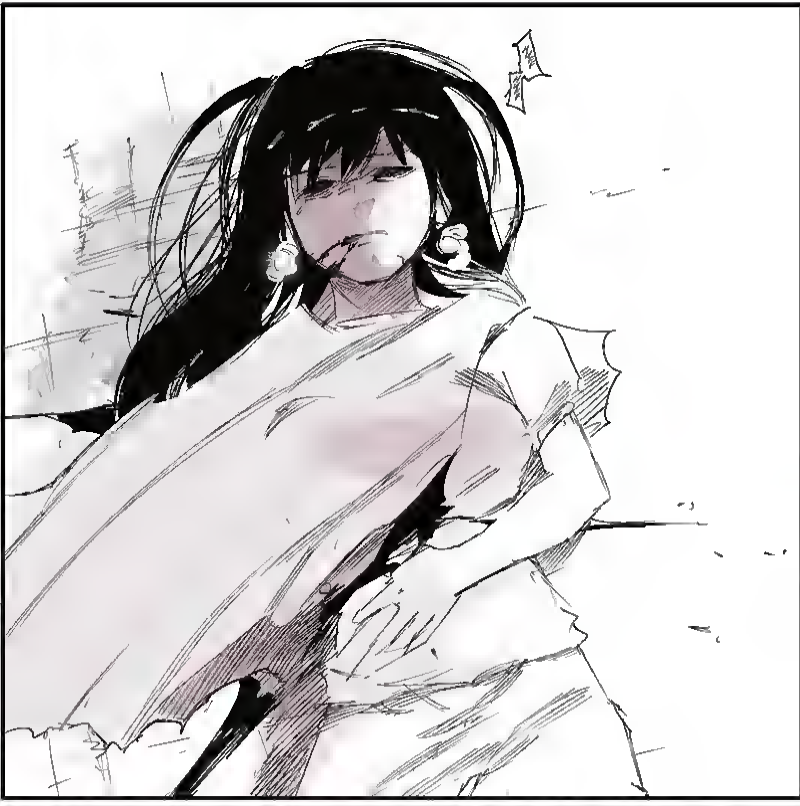
DAMN IT!!
HEY, WAIT ...
TAISHI !!
UP HERE.
I HAVE INVESTI-GATORS WAITING OUTSIDE.
LEAVE HIM TO THEM.
I NEED YOU TO LISTEN...



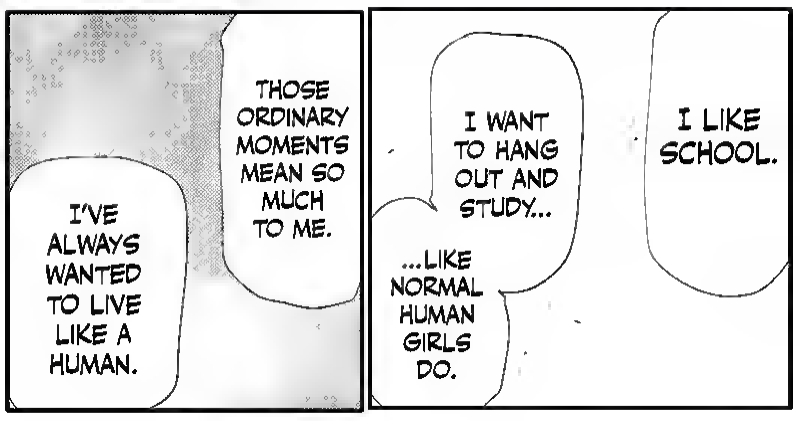
THE LANTERN ...?!



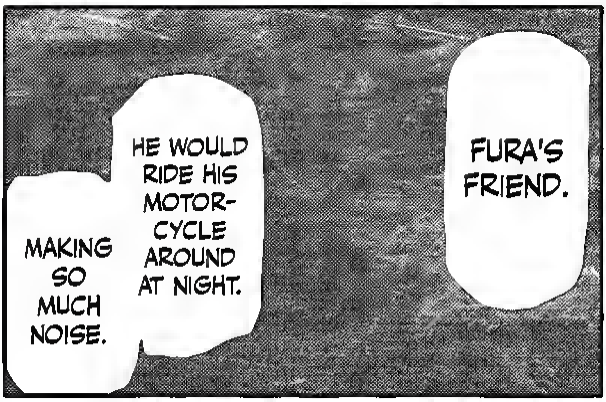
MINAMI ...?
ARIMA... WHAT IS THIS?
I DON'T UNDER-STAND ...
MINAMI'S OUR CLASS-MATE...
TH-THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYIN'!
WHAT I'M SAYIN' IS...
MINAMI WAS THE GHOUL KNOWN AS THE LANTERN.
DO YOU UNDER-STAND NOW?

SO... YOU'RE TELLIN' ME...
...MINAMI ATTACKED RYO AND AKI?
THAT'S RIGHT.
MY MIND'S ALL MESSED UP...
...THAT I CAN'T WRAP MY HEAD AROUND THIS!
...
MINAMI, SAY SOME-THING...
...

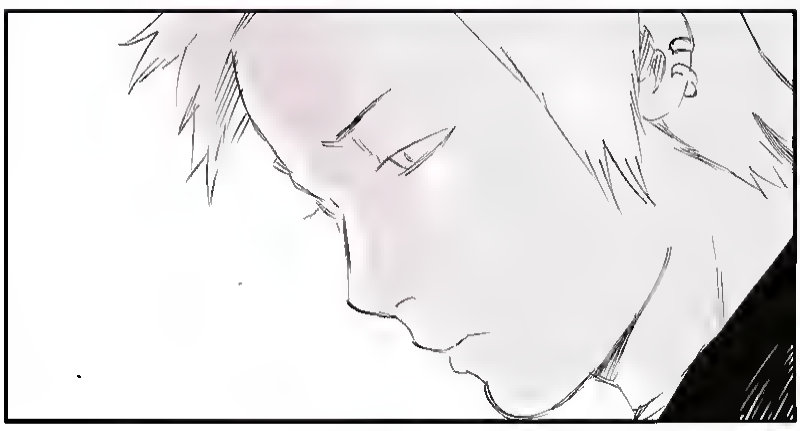
I...


I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO LIVE LIKE A HUMAN.
THOSE ORDINARY MOMENTS MEAN SO MUCH TO ME.
...LIKE NORMAL HUMAN GIRLS DO.
I WANT TO HANG OUT AND STUDY...
I LIKE SCHOOL.

THAT'S WHY I HATED ANYBODY WHO GOT IN THE WAY OF THAT...


FURA'S FRIEND.
HE WOULD RIDE HIS MOTOR-CYCLE AROUND AT NIGHT.
MAKING SO MUCH NOISE.

THINKING HE COULDN'T BE FULFILLED.
NOT KNOWING HOW LUCKY HE WAS.
ACTING ALL STUPID.
THEY'RE THE UNWANTED SCUM OF SOCIETY!
WHO CARES IF THEY'RE DEAD?!
THEY NEEDED TO DIE TO UNDERSTAND!!
THAT'S WHY I KILLED THEM!
BECAUSE THEY'RE STUPID!!
I HATE PEOPLE LIKE THAT.
THEY COULD DIE FOR ALL I CARE.



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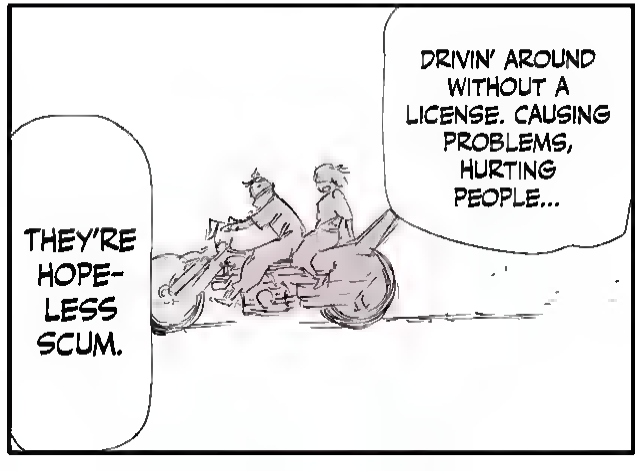
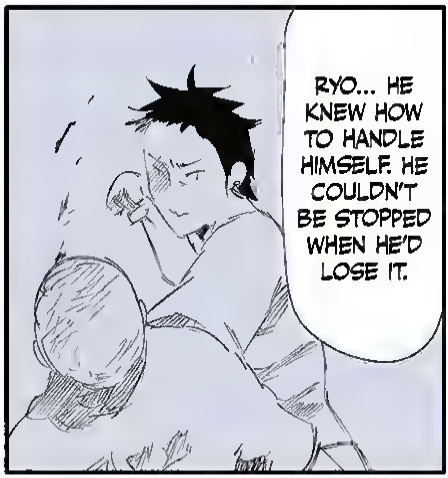
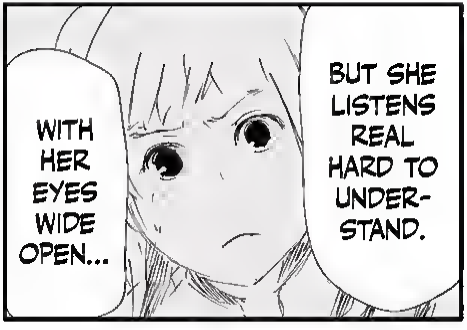
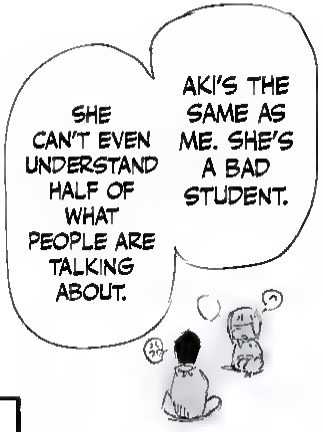
SURE... THEY ARE STUPID.



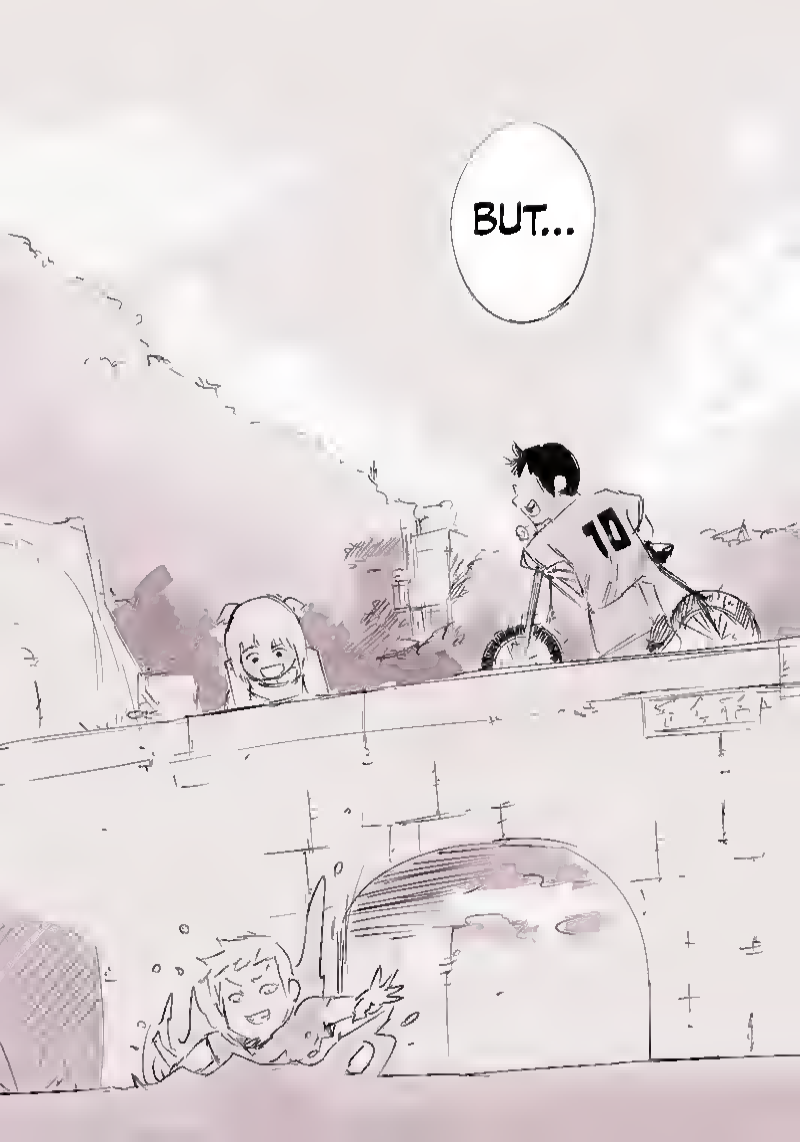


BUT HE NEVER LAID HANDS ON GUYS WHO WERE WEAKER THAN HIM, AND HE CARED ABOUT HIS FRIENDS.


WITH HER EYES WIDE OPEN...
BUT SHE LISTENS REAL HARD TO UNDER-STAND.


SHE CAN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND HALF OF WHAT PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT.
AKI'S THE SAME AS ME. SHE'S A BAD STUDENT.

BUT
...
...THE UN-WANTED SCUM OF SOCIETY.
... MIGHT BE...
WE...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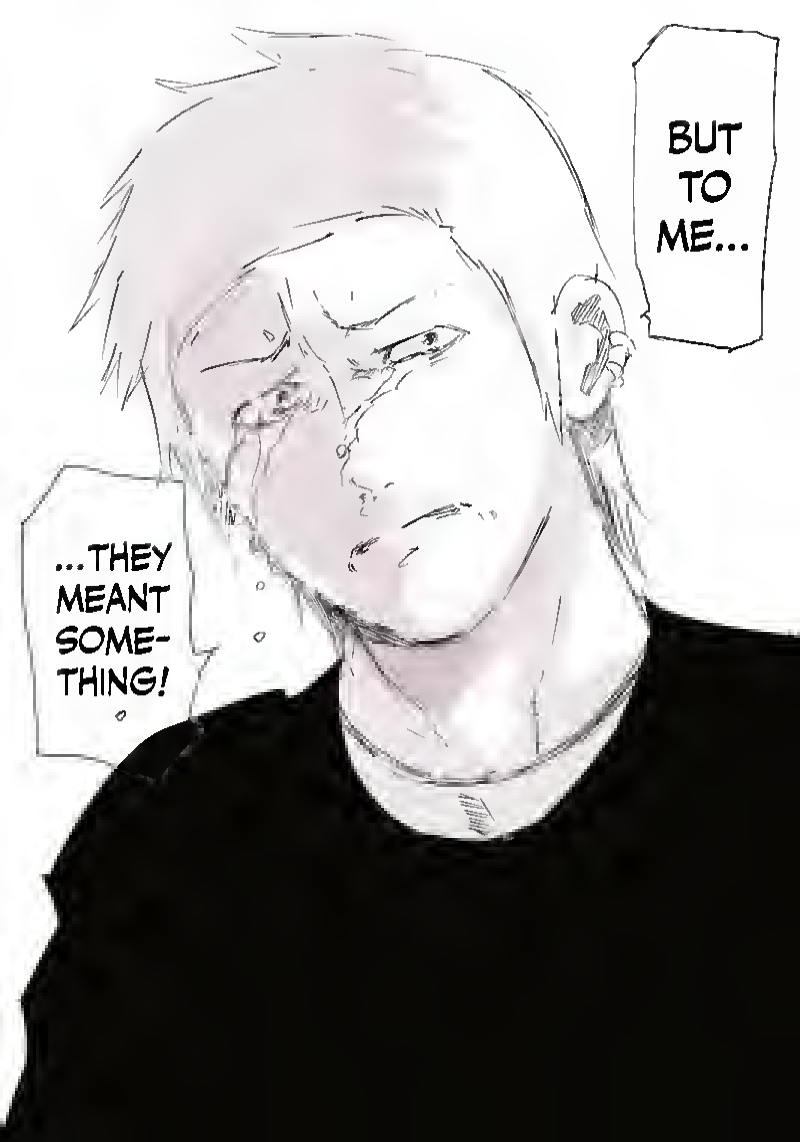

BUT TO ME...
...THEY MEANT SOME-THING!

YOU CAN DREAM ABOUT BEING HUMAN ALL YOU WANT...
BUT YOU'LL NEVER BE ONE!
ANYBODY WHO CAN TAKE SOME-BODY'S LIFE SO EASILY...
...AIN'T NO HUMAN !!
LISTEN TO YOUR-SELF...

YOU
...
SHOOM

...WEREN'T BORN THE WAY I WAS!
!!

ZHK

HAH... LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE NOW.
AW...
Y-YOU KILLED SOME-BODY TOO...
THERE'S A TEST COMING UP...

I...

...
STUDIED
SO HARD
FOR IT
TOO.

...
I...
TAISHI
...

MINAMI'S BODY WAS SENT TO THE GHOUL BUREAU (I GUESS THEY'RE CALLED THE CCG).

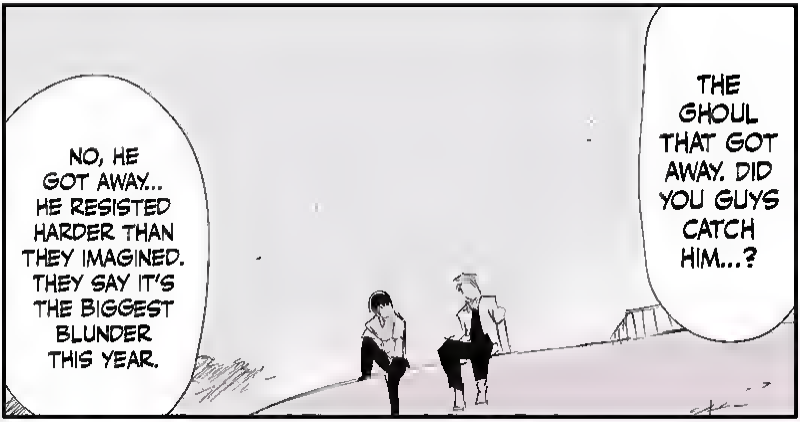
THE TRUTH WAS KEPT FROM THE SCHOOL TO PREVENT PANIC.

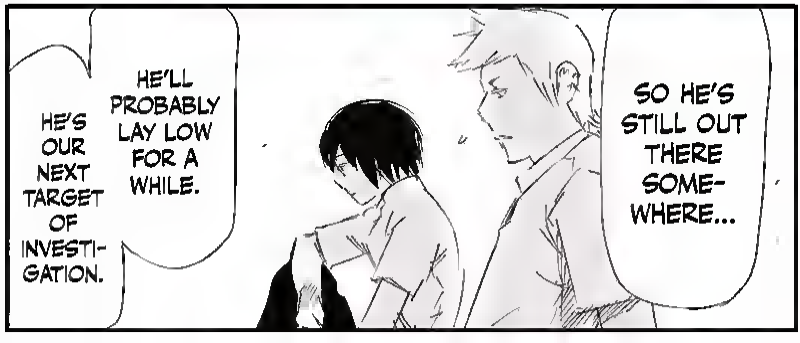
WITH THE LANTERN CASE CLOSED, THINGS SETTLED DOWN...

ARIMA WAS SENT TO ANOTHER AREA AGAIN.

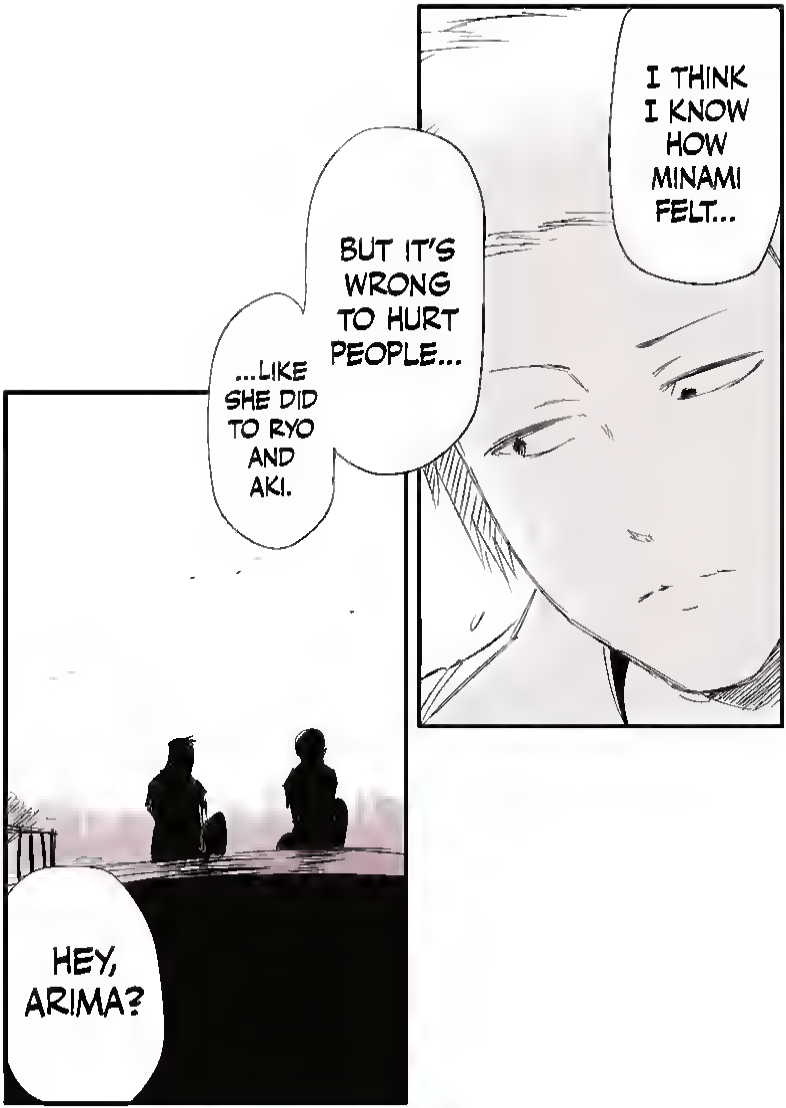
FROM WHAT I HEARD, THERE WAS A CASE WHERE A LOT OF EXPERIENCED INVESTIGATORS WERE KILLED BY A GHOUL.

ARIMA, BEING WHO HE IS, SAID HE MIGHT BE NEXT. AS IF IT DIDN'T CONCERN HIM...


THE GHOUL THAT GOT AWAY. DID YOU GUYS CATCH HIM...?
NO, HE GOT AWAY.. HE RESISTED HARDER THAN THEY IMAGINED. THEY SAY IT'S THE BIGGEST BLUNDER THIS YEAR.

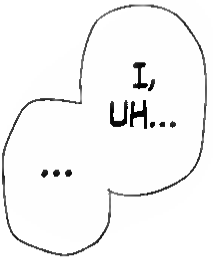

SO HE'S STILL OUT THERE SOME-WHERE...
HE'LL PROBABLY LAY LOW FOR A WHILE.
HE'S OUR NEXT TARGET OF INVESTI-GATION.

DO ALL GHOULS ...
...WANT TO BE HUMAN LIKE MINAMI DID?
WHO KNOWS? I DON'T CONVERSE WITH GHOULS.
KNOWING YOU CAN'T BE SOMETHING NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU WISH FOR IT...
THAT'S GOTTA BE ROUGH ...


I THINK I KNOW HOW MINAMI FELT...
BUT IT'S WRONG TO HURT PEOPLE...
...LIKE SHE DID TO RYO AND AKI.
HEY, ARIMA?

WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY MIGHT SOUND KINDA CRAZY...

IF IT CAN'T HAPPEN, JUST SAY SO, ALL RIGHT?


I,
UH...
...

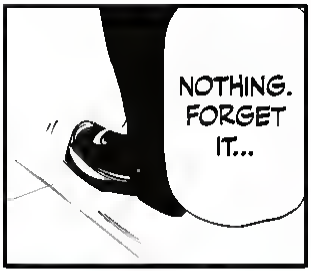
Twelve
years
later...

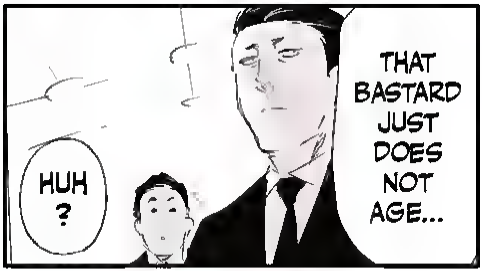
SIR!

OUR SUSPECT'S ON THE MOVE!
ALL RIGHT.
HAVE IIDA CONTINUE SURVEIL-LANCE!
Taishi Fura
Senior Investigator
7th Ward
SIR, AKI'S NOT GOING TO BE HAPPY ...
...WITH YOU SO BUSY WITH GHOULS, IS SHE?
DON'T BRING UP MY WIFE WHEN WE'RE ON DUTY.
SHUT UP, IDIOT.
SORRY, SIR...

SEND SQUADS 1 AND 2 IN ADVANCE.
TELL SQUAD 3 THEY'RE COMING WITH ME.
SPECIAL INVESTI-GATOR ARIMA, ABOUT THIS NEXT CASE...

MAN... SPECIAL INVESTI-GATOR ARIMA HAS SUCH A PRESENCE ABOUT HIM...
Actually, the entire Arima team does


NOTHING. FORGET IT...


HUH ?
THAT BASTARD JUST DOES NOT AGE...

ALL RIGHT... LET'S GET THIS THING OVER WITH.
GOTTA TAKE THE FAMILY OUT ONCE IN A WHILE!

Tokyo Ghoul

[JACK]

-The End-